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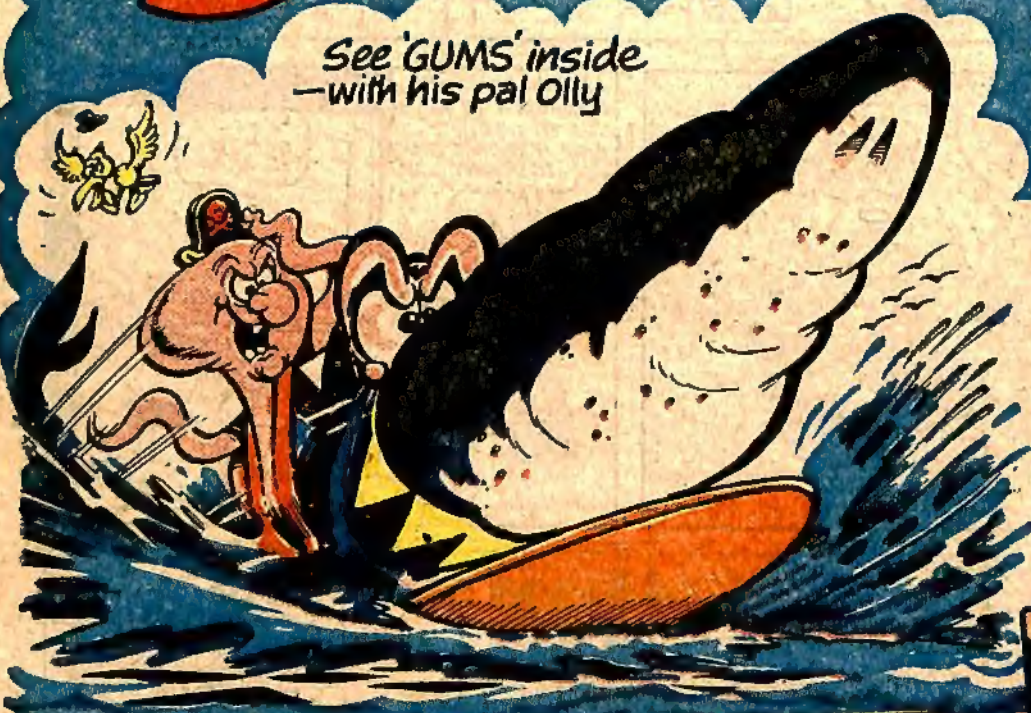
EVERY MONDAY

12p

21st MARCH, 1981

The MIRTH SURFERS!

See 'GUMS' inside
—with his pal Olly



**FINAL PART of your
LEOPARDBOY BOOKLET**

*See
centre
pages*

Buster's Diary



(CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE)

Then Mum flew into a temper...

I'M GOING TO LOCK THIS DANGEROUS THING AWAY! FIND SOMETHING ELSE TO PLAY WITH!



I COULD FLY A KITE IN THIS WIND—IF I HAD A KITE!



But I had an idea, and borrowed Mum's umbrella and some string...



OPEN UP THE BROLLY AND IT'LL MAKE A GOOD KITE!

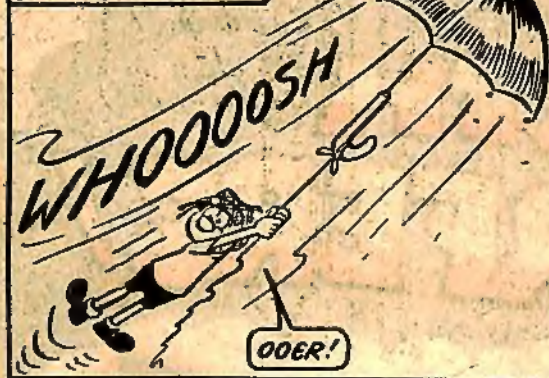


YIPPEE!

WE HAVE "LIFT OFF!"



I was lifted off too—by an extra strong gust of wind...



YEEK! THE BROLLY'S BLOWN INSIDE OUT—I'M DROPPING!



Then I heard Mum calling me...

BUSTER!

COR! THAT BUSH WAS PRICKLY!



HAVE YOU SEEN MY UMBRELLA? I'VE GOT TO GO OUT, AND IT'S STARTED TO RAIN!

ER—HERE IT IS, MUM!



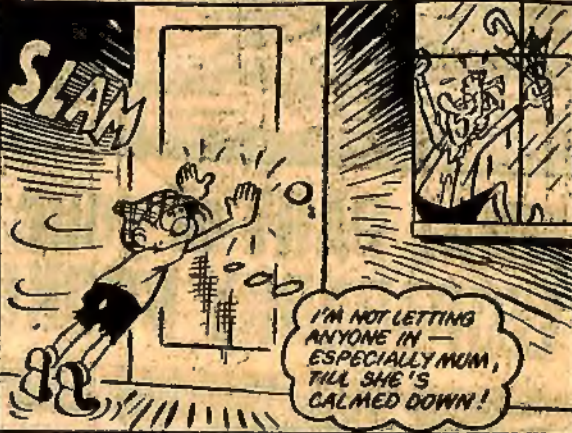
RIGHT! SHUT THE DOOR, AND DON'T LET ANYONE IN WHILE I'M OUT! YOU CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL THESE DAYS!



OOR! THE BROLLY GOT TORN IN THAT PRICKLY BUSH!



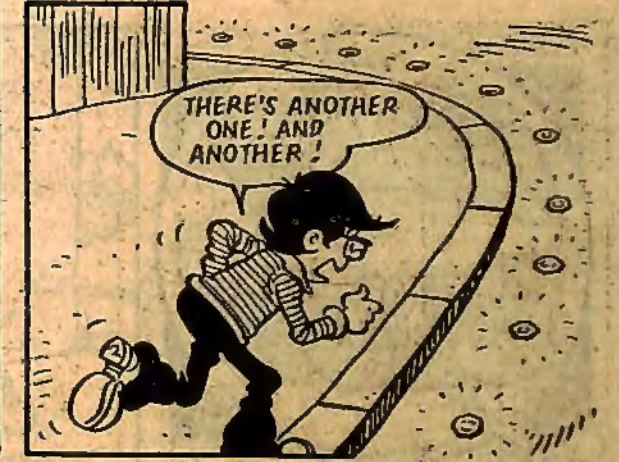
So I took Mum's advice and shut the door...



I'M NOT LETTING ANYONE IN—ESPECIALLY MUM, TILL SHE'S CALMED DOWN!



HEY! A FIFTY-PENCE PIECE!



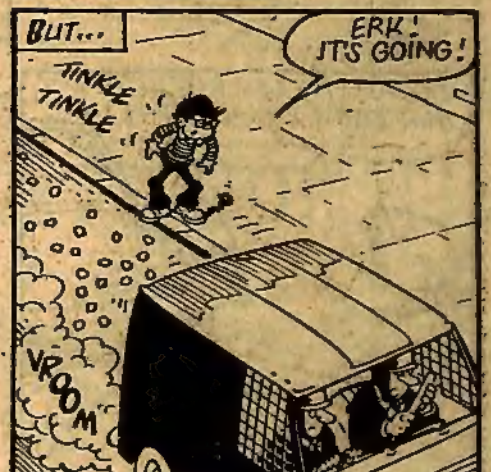
THERE'S ANOTHER ONE! AND ANOTHER!



THERE'S A TRAIL OF THEM—LEADING TO THAT SECURITY VAN!



YES! THAT'S WHERE THEY CAME FROM! I EXPECT THERE'S A HOLE IN THE FLOOR!...I'D BETTER WARN THE SECURITY MEN!



BUT...

ERK! IT'S GOING!

THEN...



PUFF! I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING IT FOR MILES, BUT IT'S STOPPED AT LAST!



OPEN UP, MATE, OR ELSE!

NO FEAR! AND YOU CAN'T GET INTO THAT ARMoured VAN!



PSST! LET THEM IN!



NOW SLAM THE DOORS!



MY SPECS REVEALED THAT THE VAN WAS EMPTY!

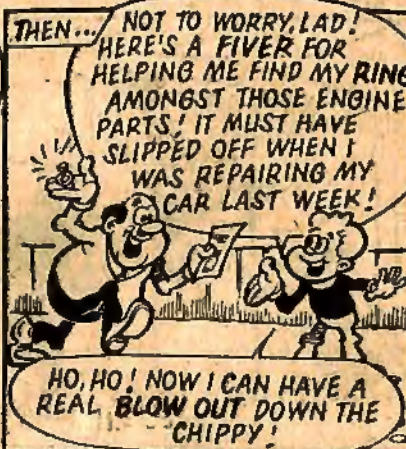
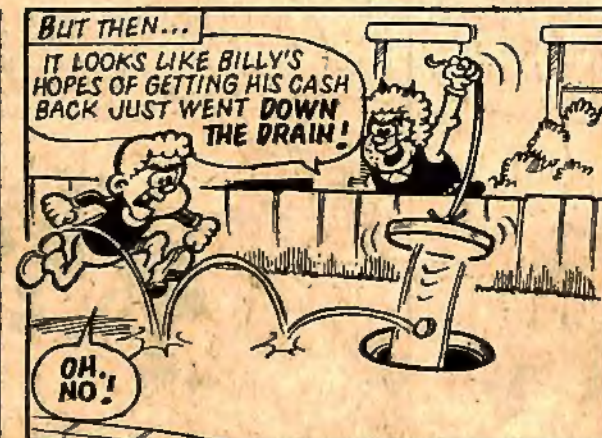
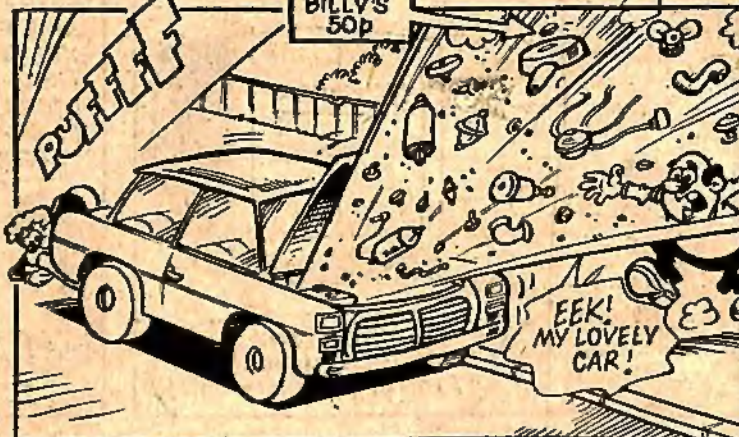
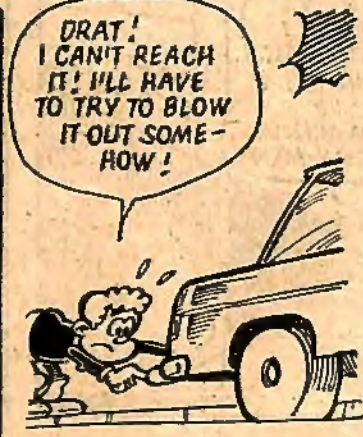
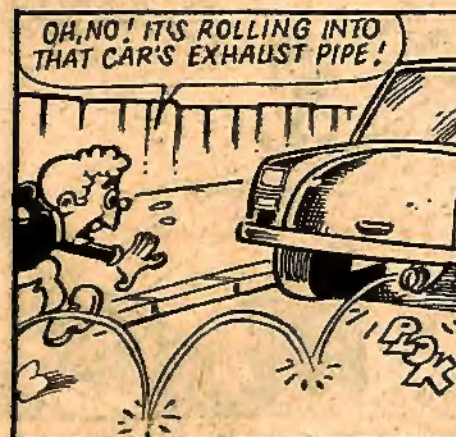
EMPTY? BUT WHERE'S OUR MONEY?



HERE'S YOUR MONEY NOW!...I'M AFRAID THERE'S A HOLE IN THE FLOOR OF YOUR VAN!

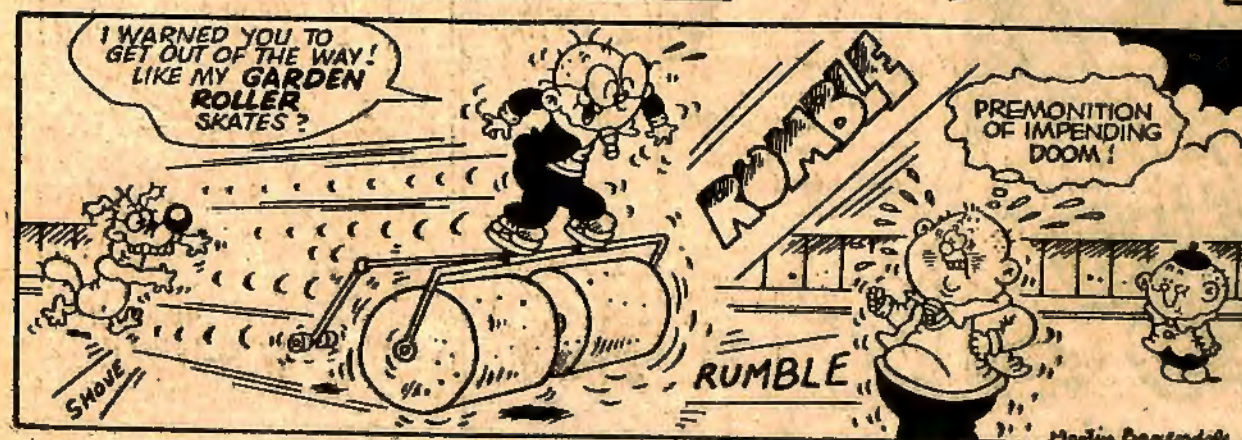
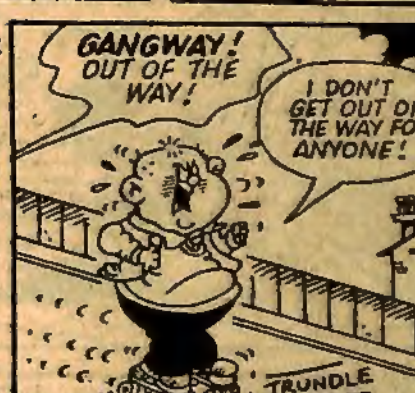
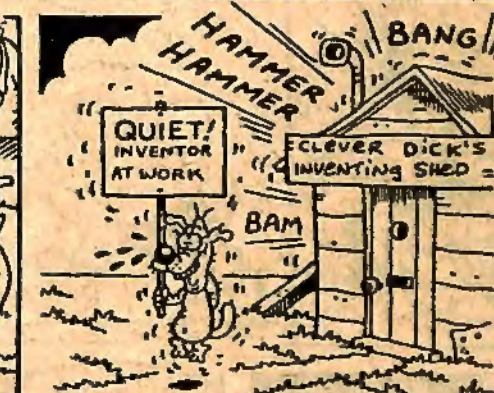
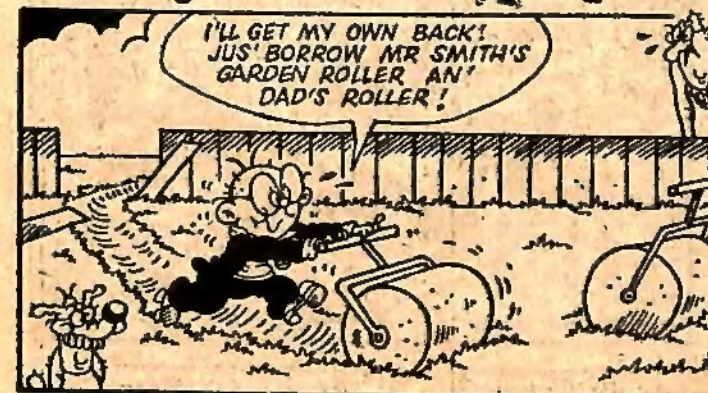
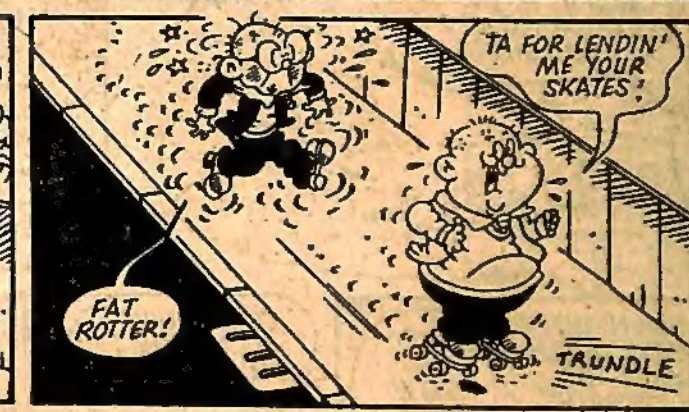
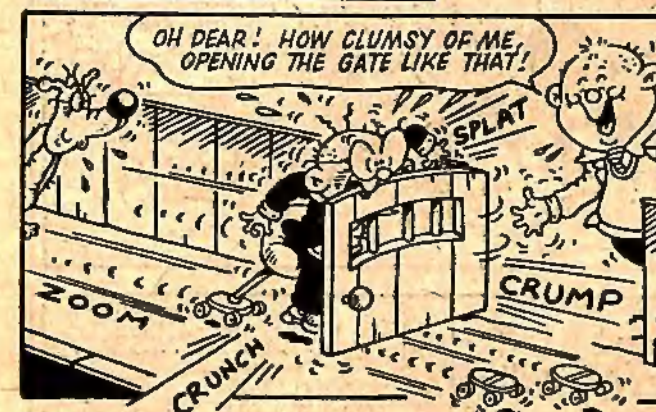
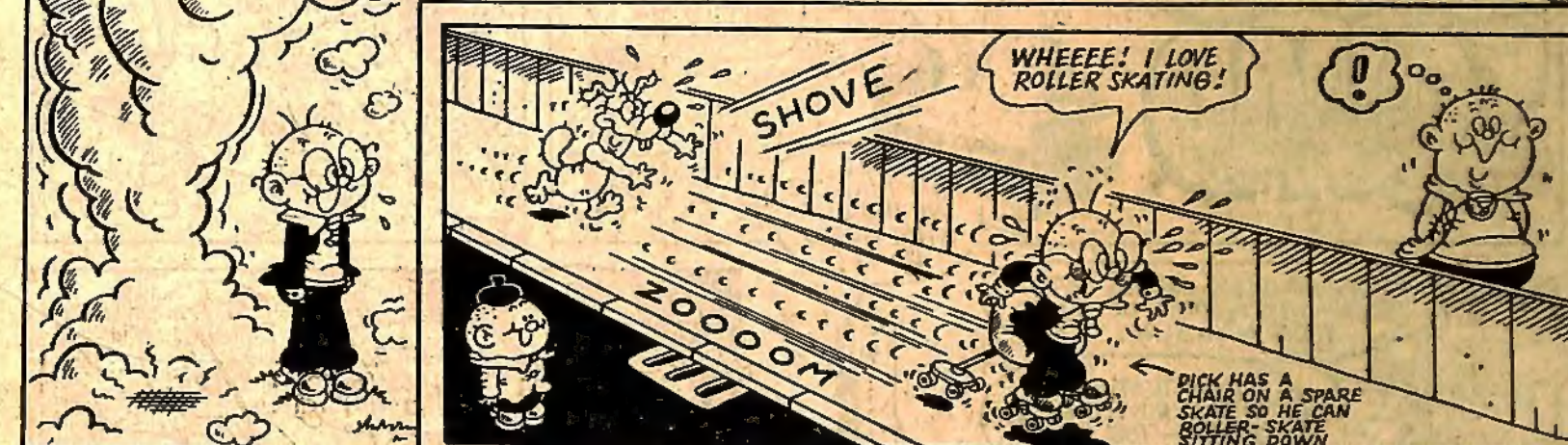
GASP! JUST AS WELL YOU CAME ALONG, RAY!

BILLY BLOW

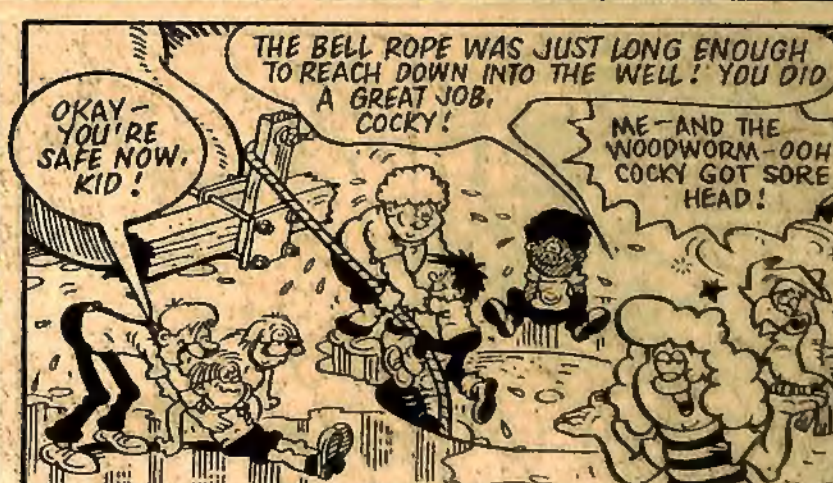
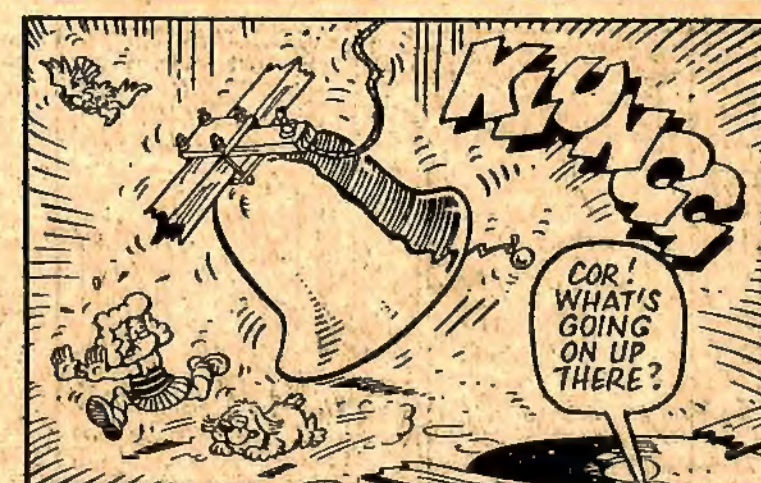
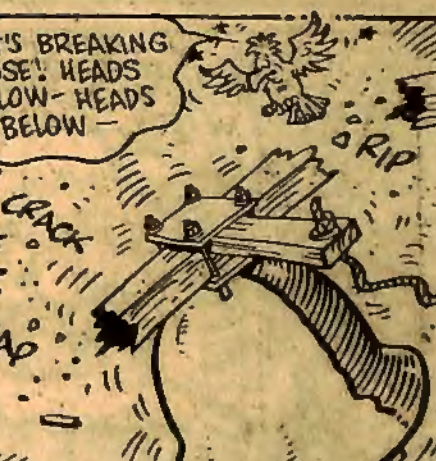
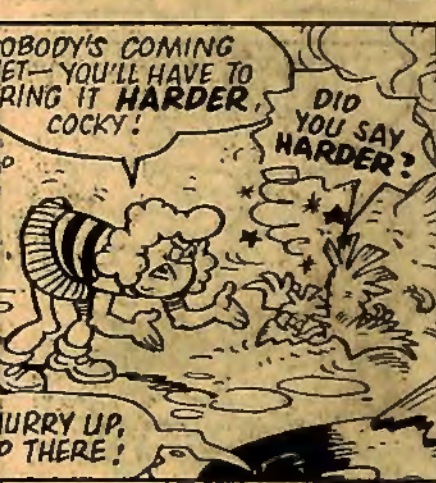
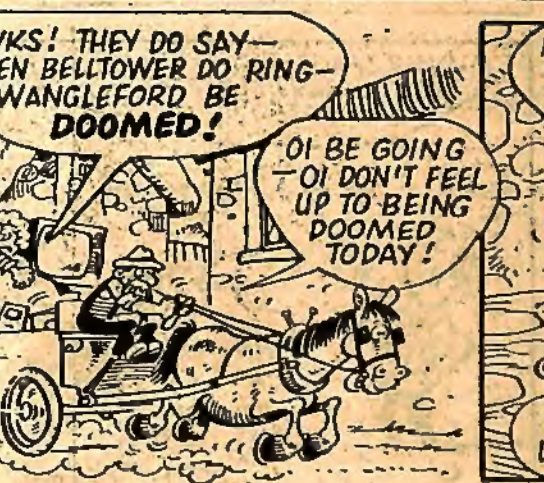
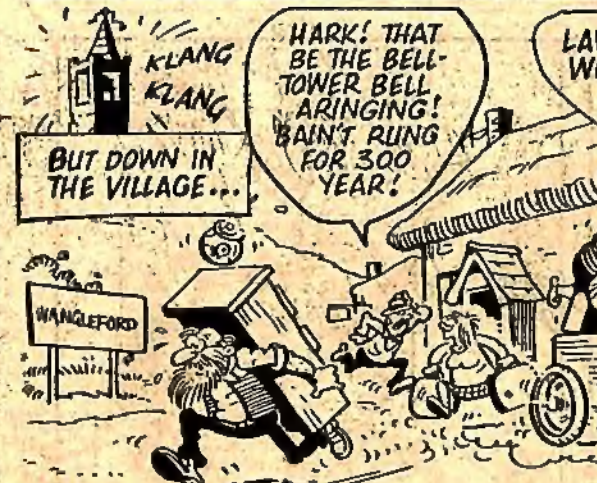
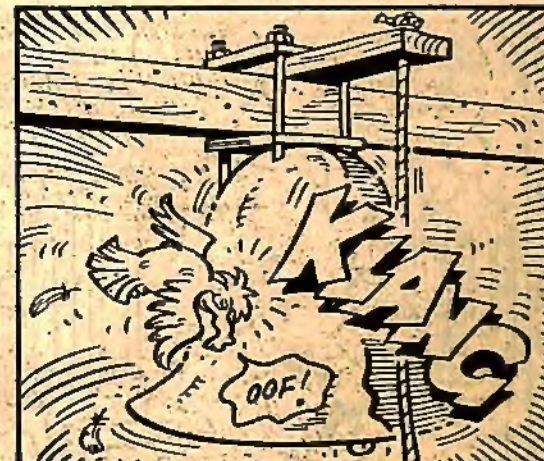
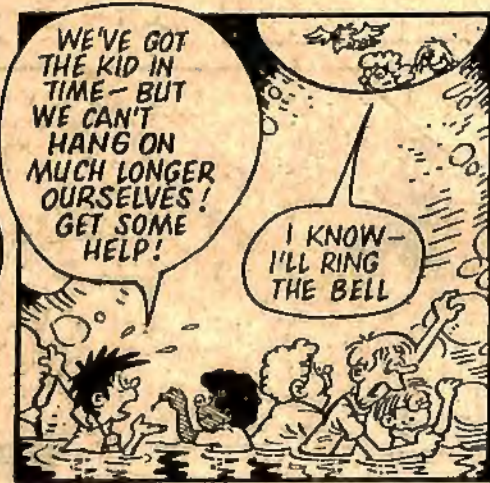
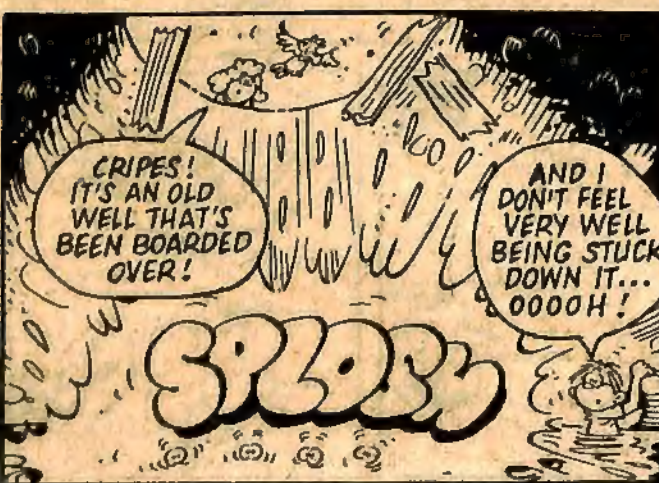
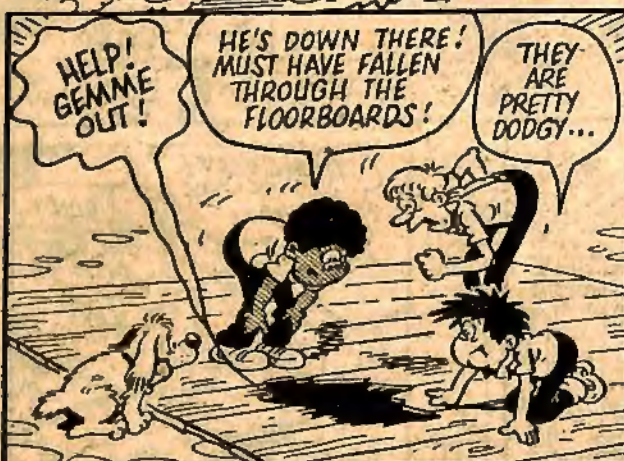


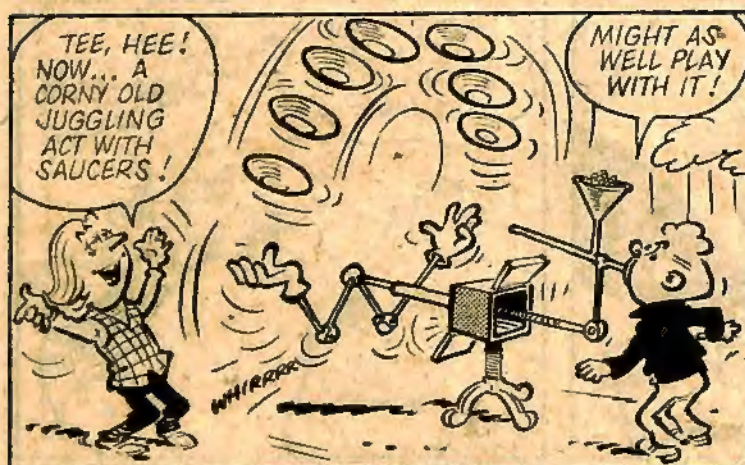
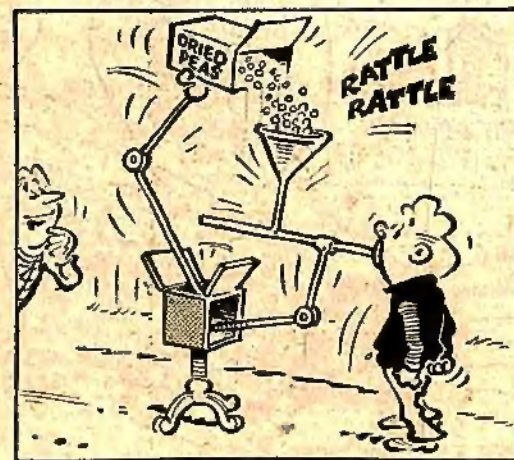
CLEVER DICK

THE DAFT INVENTOR (AND NAPOLEON DOG)



S.O.S. SQUAD





- In January, the warmest ever winter temperatures were recorded.



In the year
1971

ANOTHER VINTAGE
BUSTER COVER

As you can see by our oldtime Buster cover, we have now reached the year 1971. Here is what was happening 10 years ago.

- February 15th was D-Day... the day we went over to decimatisation. Before that, there were 240 pence to a pound!
- An American spacecraft called Mariner 9 orbited Mars, and sent back information about the mystery planet.
- One of the year's biggest hit records was "Grandad". Ten years later we had "Grandma". What next? ... "Grandchildren"?
- In October, a new world Letter Post record was achieved - 29 London students piled on TOP of a pillar box!
- On the soccer front, Arsenal won the Cup Final, beating Liverpool 2-1. Arsenal won the League, too!



WATCH OUT FOR ANOTHER OLDTIME BUSTER COVER NEXT WEEK!

BUSTER comic will soon be **21** years old!

So... we're inviting you all to draw a birthday card picture to celebrate it! We want your own ideas, pals, not a copy of another picture. The picture should be 5 inches by 4 inches (127 x 102 mm) in black and white - NO colour.

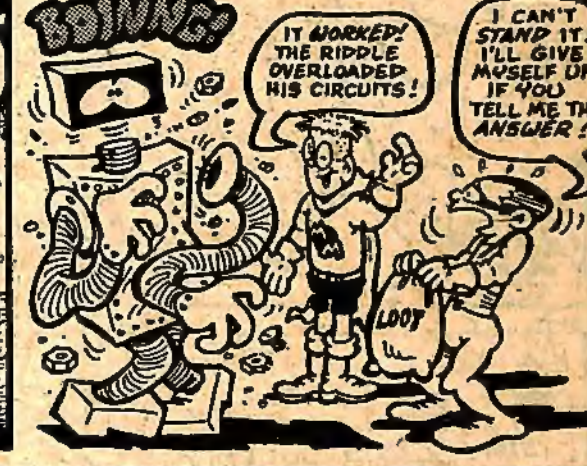
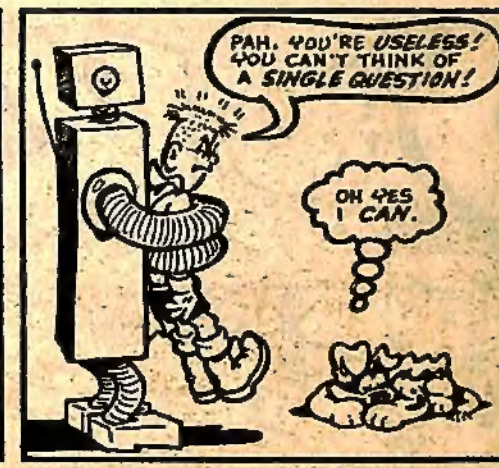
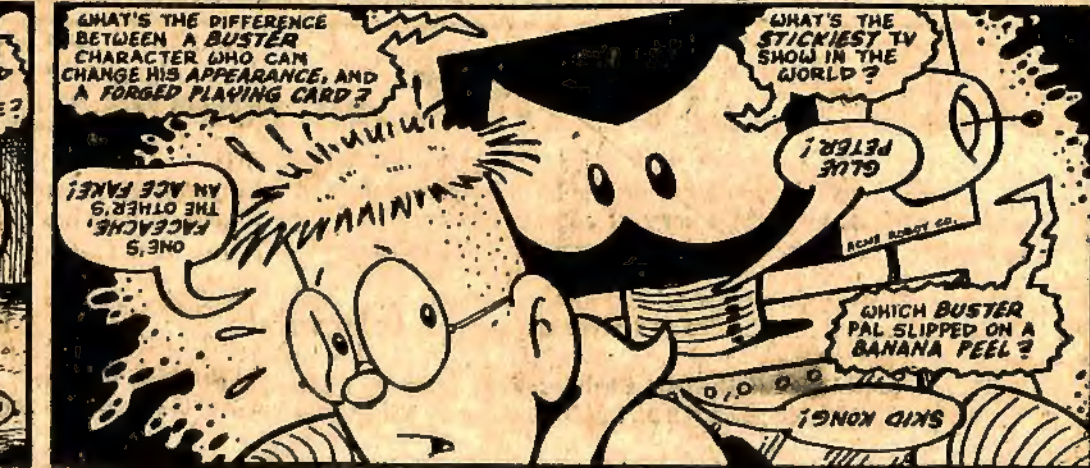
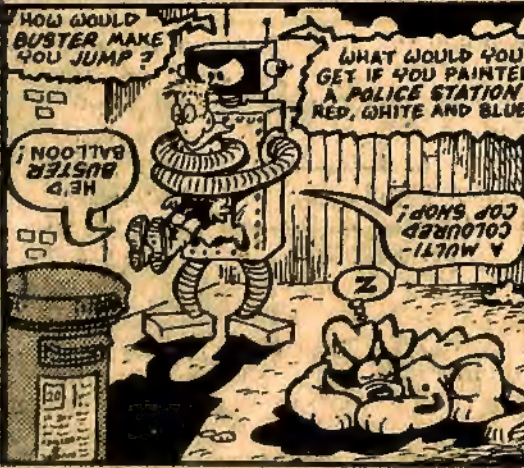
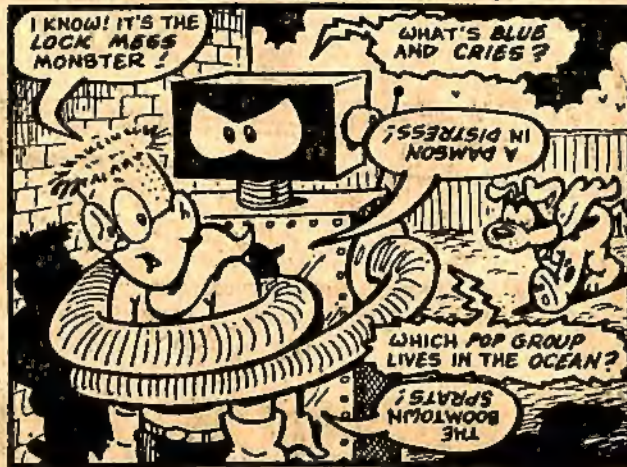
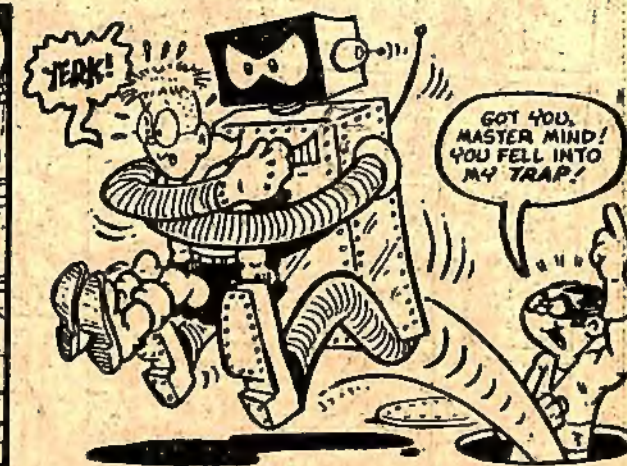
The best 21 pictures will be printed in our Birthday Issue dated May 30th., and the senders will each receive a prize of a super colouring set by Berol.

Send your drawings to: Buster's Birthday Card Contest, Room 2010, King's Reach Tower, Stamford Street, London SE1 9LS, to arrive by March 31st.



HOPKIT, CHALKY! THIS IS FOR READERS ONLY!

EDITOR'S VOICE



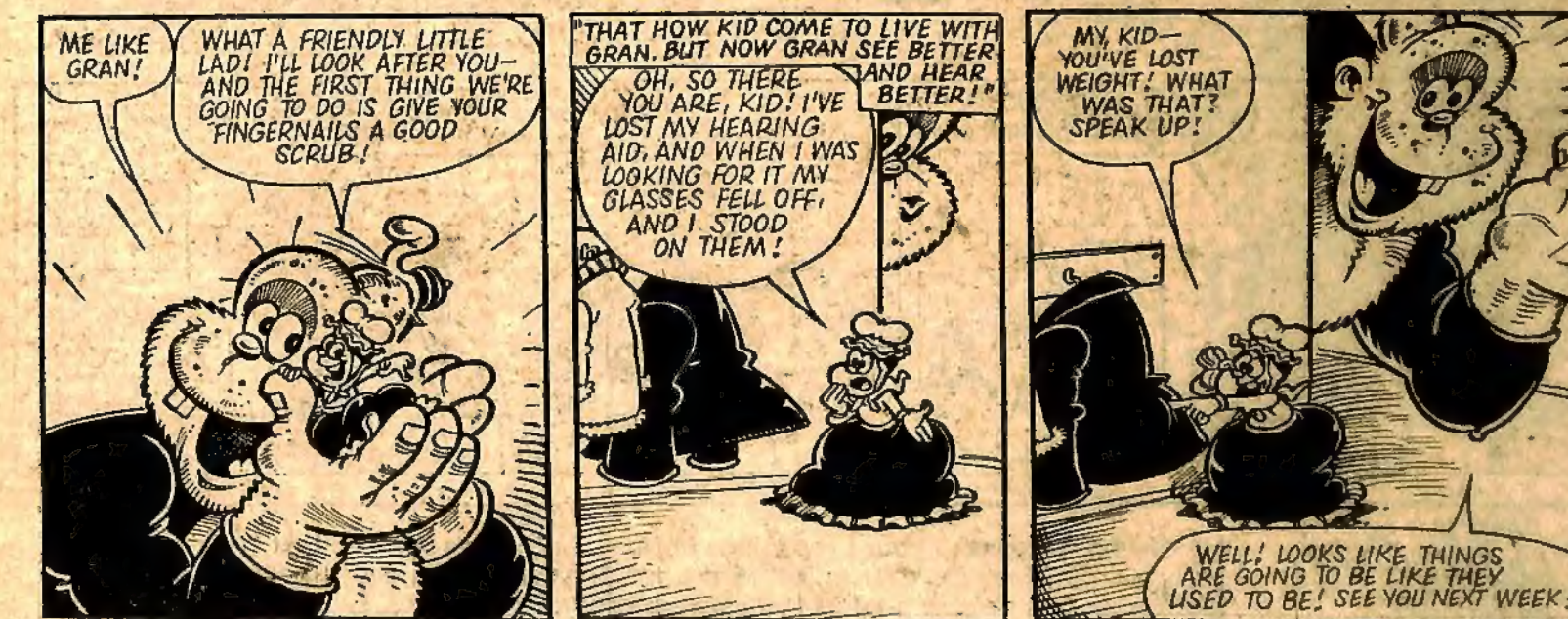
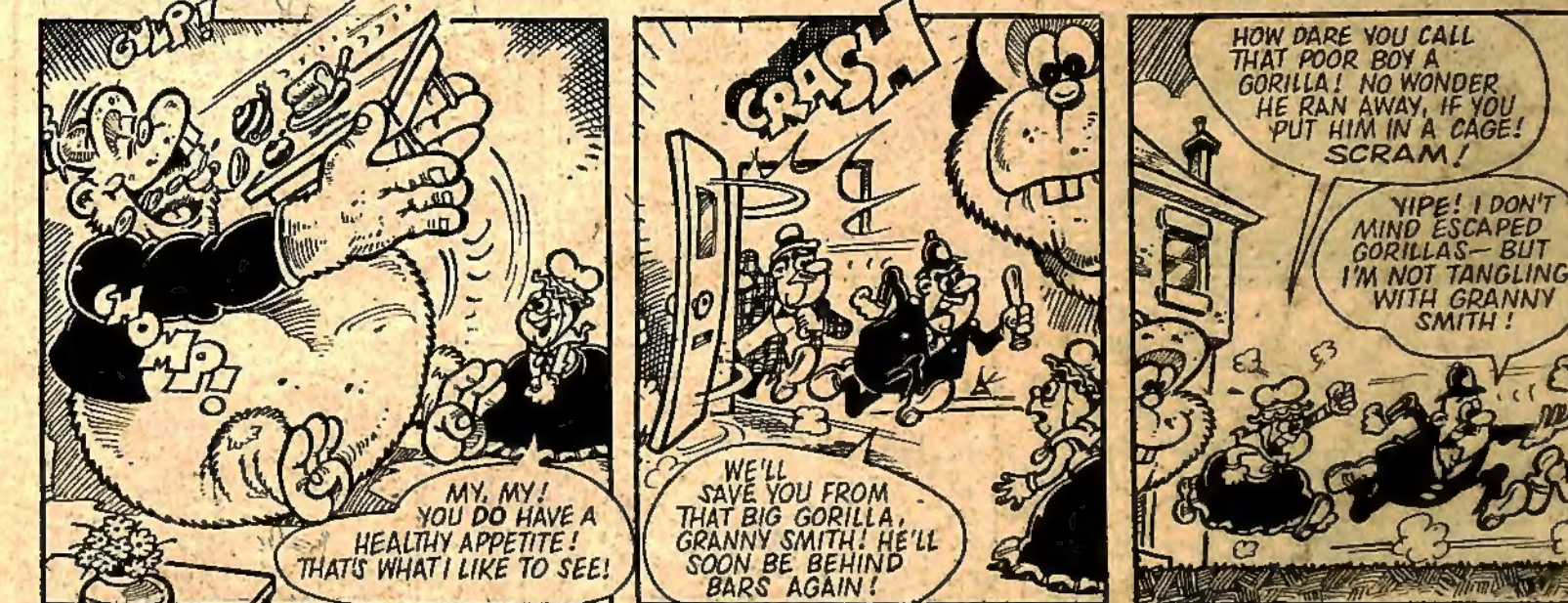
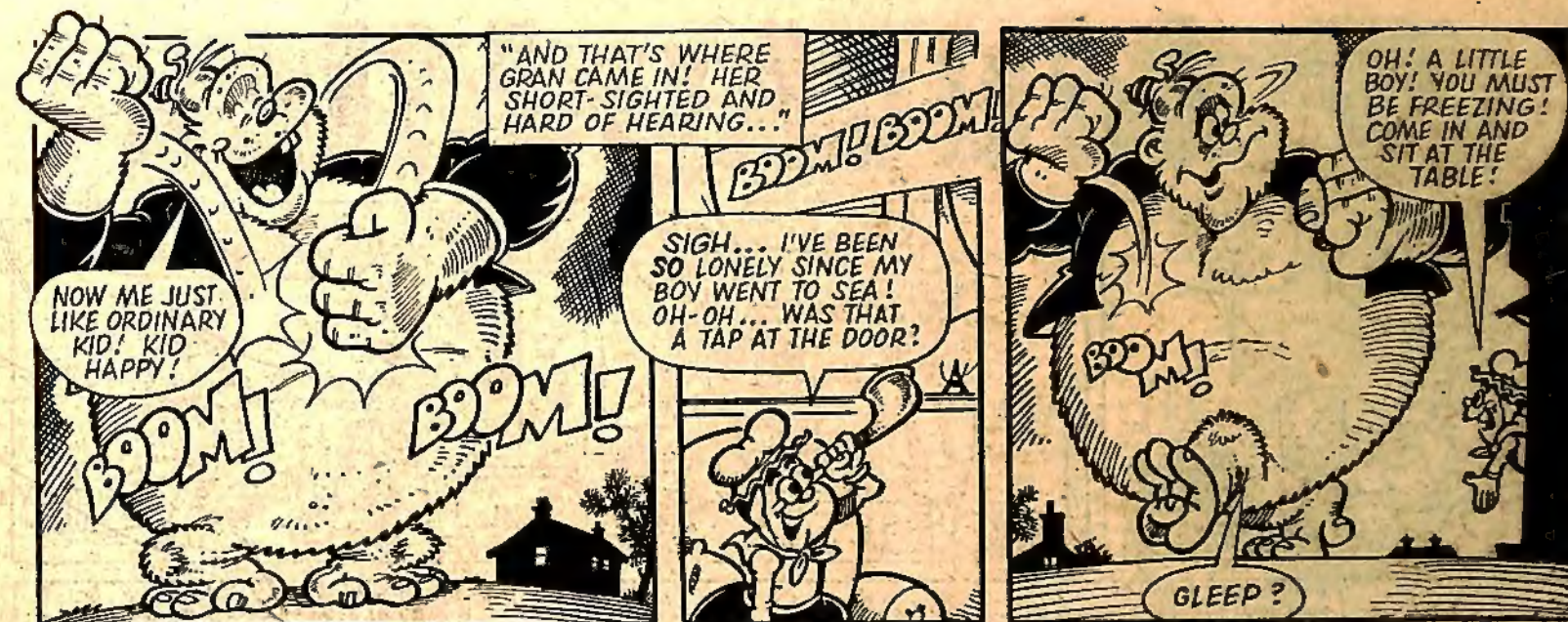
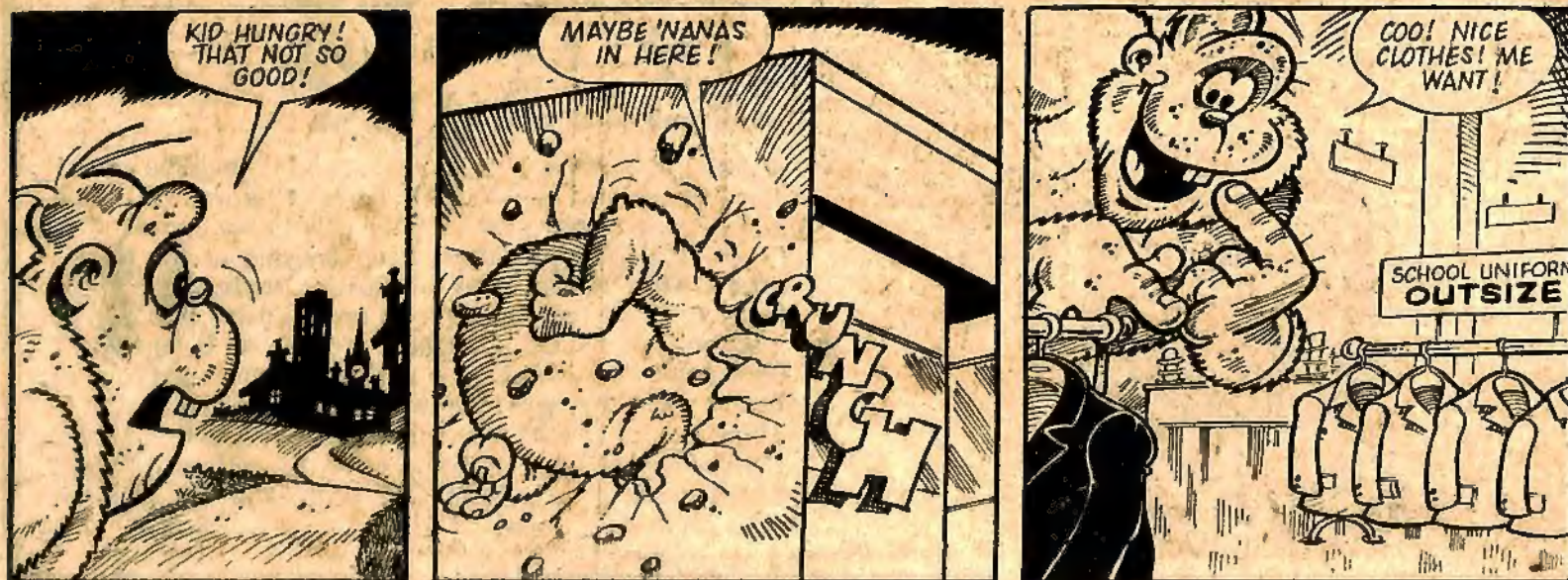
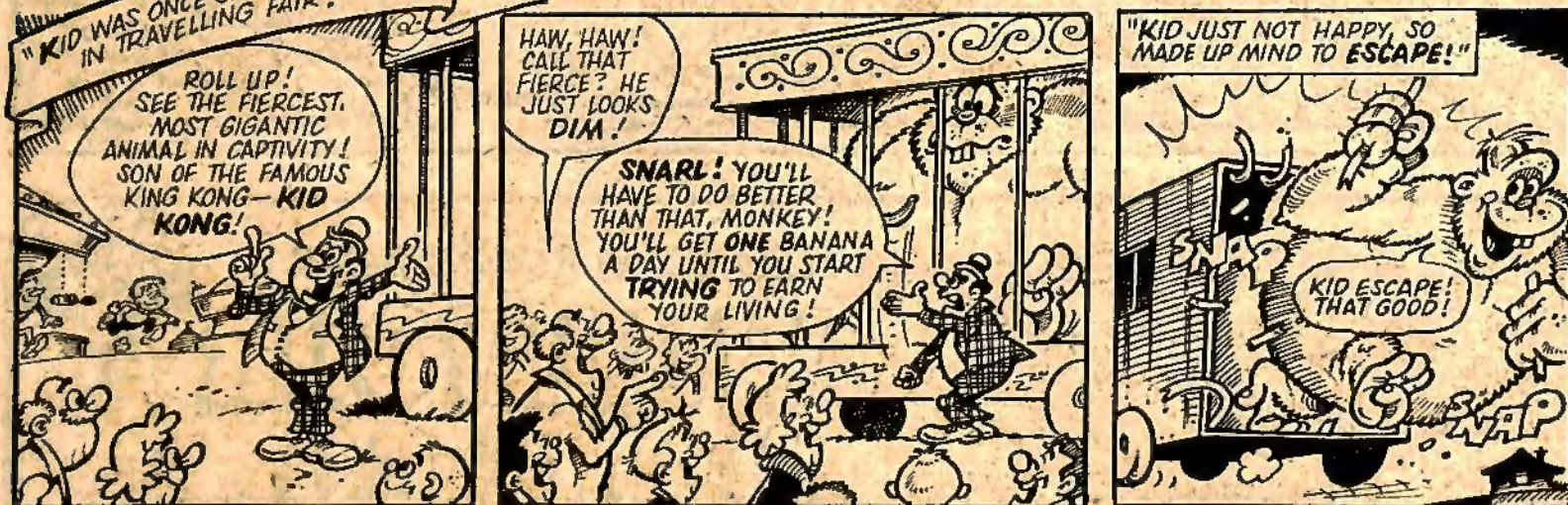
Champion Reader news...

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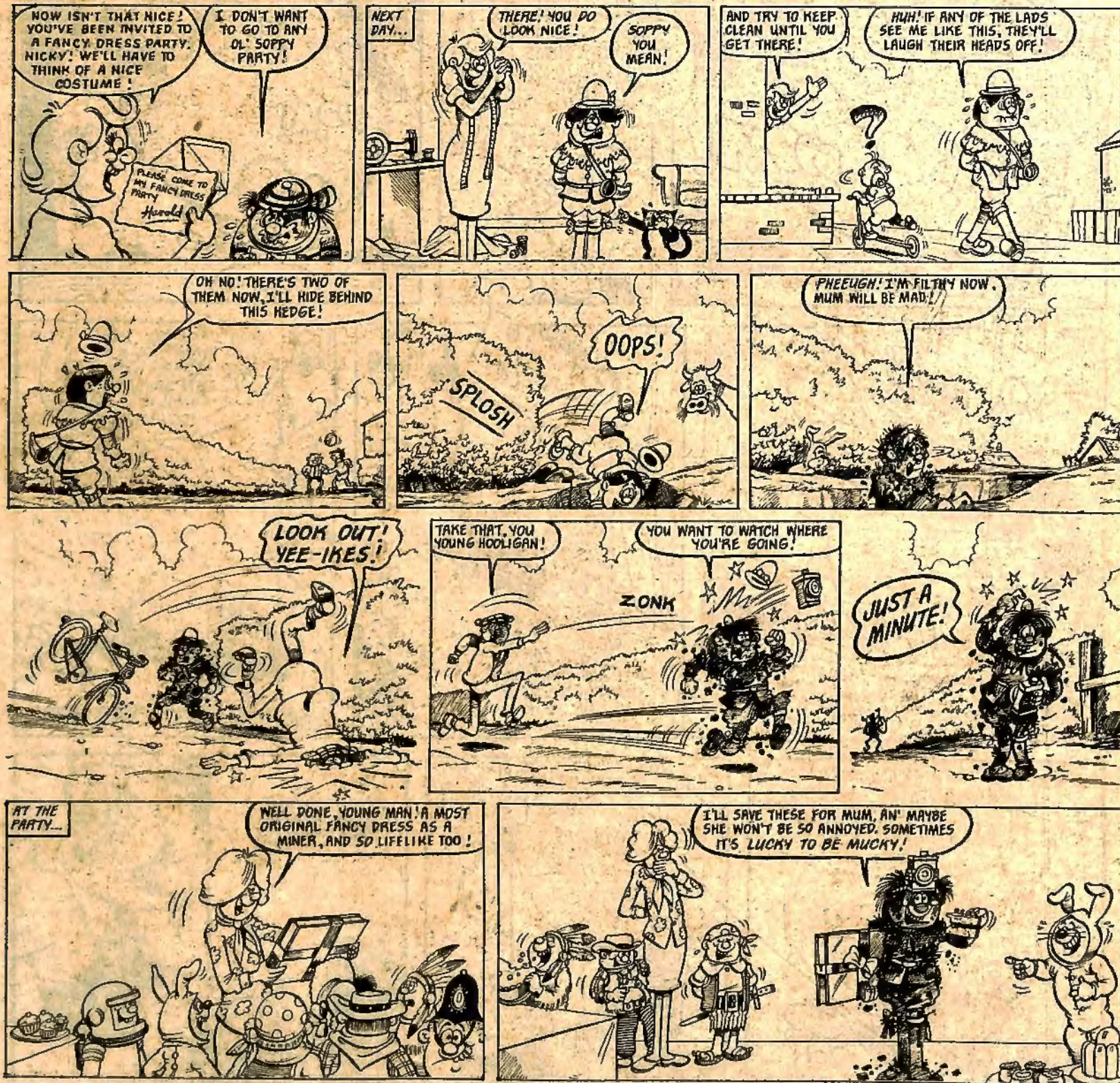
SOMEONE'S name is going to... and it could be yours! Just imagine it - YOUR name engraved on this magnificent trophy, for all your pals to see and admire. "I am the Champ" letters keep arriving at the Buster office. They tell of gifts of Busters to hospitals, of a fancy dress costume made from seven Buster weeklies, of a school bus named - BUSTER. We've even been told of Mums and Dads and Uncles and Aunts who used to read Buster when they were young... and still do! Think you're in with a chance? Just write to BUSTER'S CHAMPION READER, Room 2010, King's Reach Tower, Stamford Street, London SE1 9LS, and tell us what your claim is... soon!

KID KONG





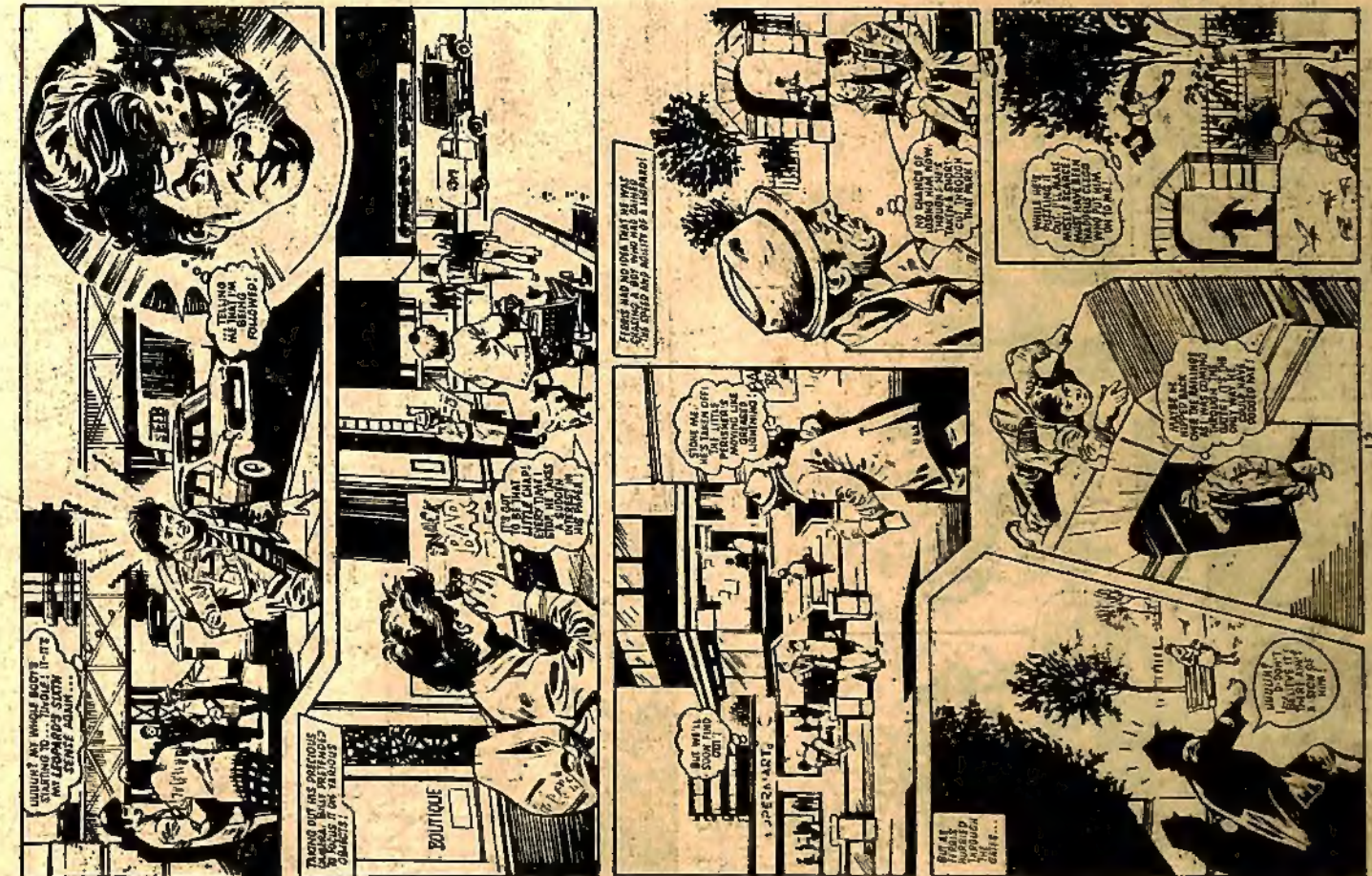
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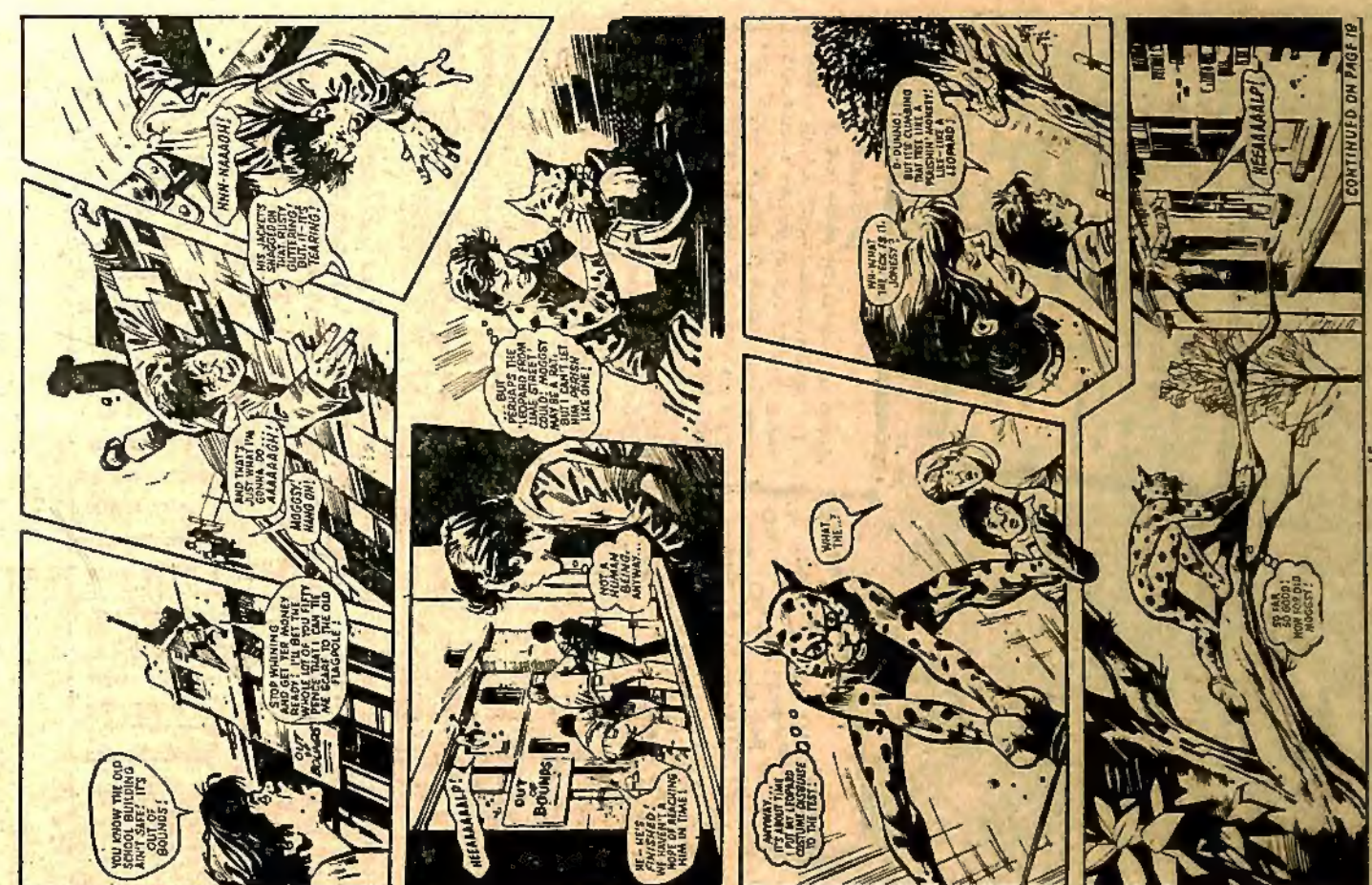
Here is the final part of your Leopardboy booklet. Pull out the centre pages, fold back and cut along the dotted line as marked. Now tuck these pages inside the first three parts of your booklet... and your booklet is complete. Enjoy it, pals!

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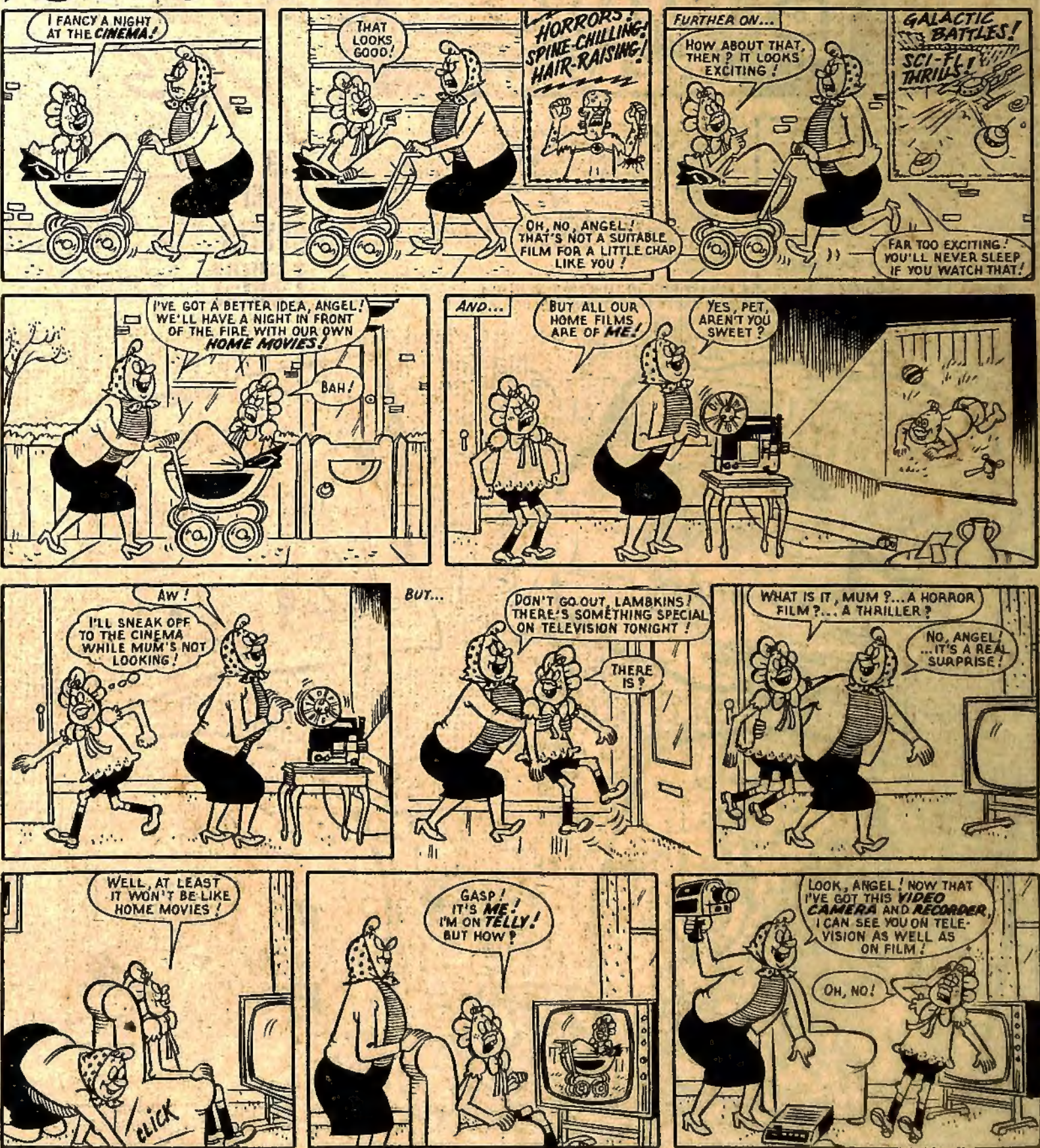


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MUMMY'S BOY



YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

FIRST of all, a personal thank you to all the readers who deluged me with questions about the Leopardman. Some of the questions you asked are answered in Billy's very first adventure, which is reprinted in this booklet. Others are answered on pages 2 and 3. So here goes to answer some of the others I received...

by TOM TULLY



David Streetfield and Paul Scarfe, both of Crookes, Sheffield, want to know how Billy changes into his Leopardman costume.

The costume is very close-fitting, lads; almost like a second skin. Most of the time Billy wears it beneath his everyday clothes, apart from his paws and headpiece, which are concealed in his school satchel along with his play-god, and camera. If Billy is faced with a P.E. or sports period at school, the whole costume is carried in the satchel. Otherwise Billy's school-mates would get a nasty shock when he started to change into his sports gear!

How come Billy's Aunt does not recognise Billy's voice when he poses as the Leopardman? asks Ian Carless of Silcockes School, Wakefield.

Billy undergoes a subtle change when he dons his costume, Ian. His leopard 'self' takes over and his voice becomes deep and throaty, like that of a big cat... so not even his closest relative would recognise it.

Now a question from one of my young lady readers - Natalie Hall of Dalton, London, who asks why Billy is so 'wicked' to his guardian, Charlie Farmer. Answer: Billy uses his special powers only to protect himself and his Aunty Joan from Charlie's bad-tempered bullying. Otherwise life with Uncle Charlie would be unbearable.



Billy's EATING HABITS Intrigued Matthew Bowler, of Trowbridge, Wiltshire. What does Billy eat for breakfast, dinner and tea, he asks.

Hamburgers, beans, pizza, fish-fingers. You name it, Matthew, and Billy has probably tried it. But now and then he has a fearful craving for T-BONE STEAK, cooked very rare. And who can forget the day he demanded RAW MEAT for school dinner!

Nicholas Read of St. Albans asks 'Is the leopard boy's SKIN marked with leopard spots?'

Not yet, Nicholas. Billy's eyes and teeth become cat-like when his animal fury erupts... but as he becomes more and more dominated by his leopard self, who knows what might happen to his SKIN!

From a Belgian leopard-fan, Tanya Agathocleous, of Brussels, comes an unusual question. 'How could Billy's Aunty Joan marry Charlie, as he is such a hateful person?' Answer: It would seem that Joan didn't know Charlie as well as she thought, so it's just as well Billy is there to look after her.

Still in Belgium, I'm delighted to learn from Martin de Bloq van Scheltinga, Leopardman's adventures are appearing in 'LE SOR'! Belgium's top newspaper! continue with our cat-like character. That's easy, Martin. I'll keep on writing about Billy Farmer as long as BUSTER readers want me to.

Finally, I couldn't resist another question from Ian Carless. What would happen to Billy, Ian asks, if someone found out that he was also the Beast of Selbridge? I dread to think, Ian! He would probably be regarded as a human freak, feared and distrusted. He might even end up in a zoo, or a travelling freak-show. So let's all make sure that it never happens. Let's betray the 'most amazing secret in the world'... THE SECRET DOUBLE LIFE OF BILLY FARMER.

Tom Tully

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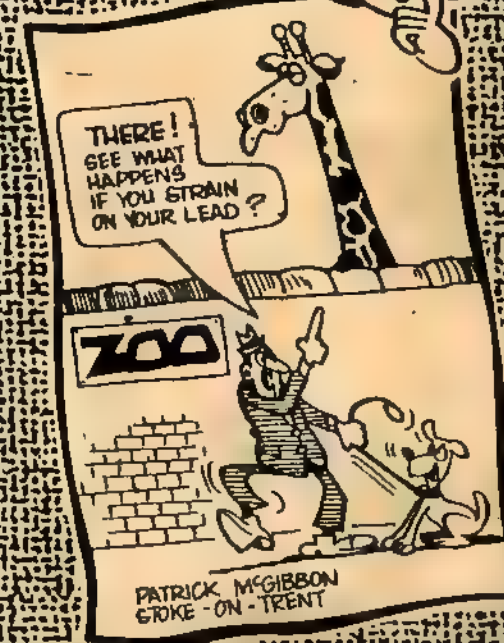
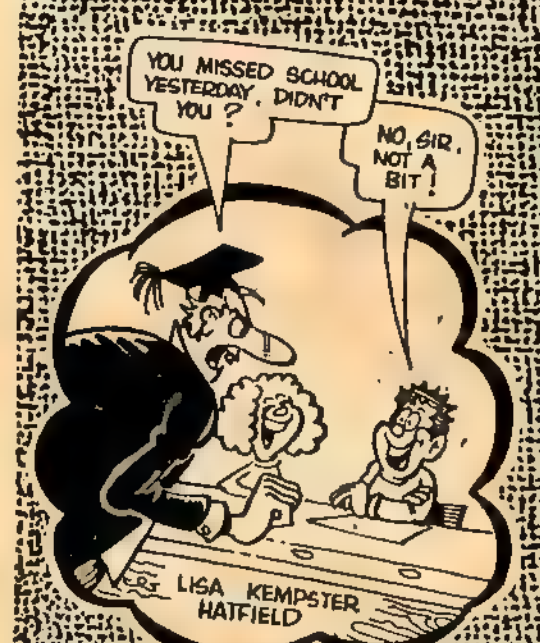
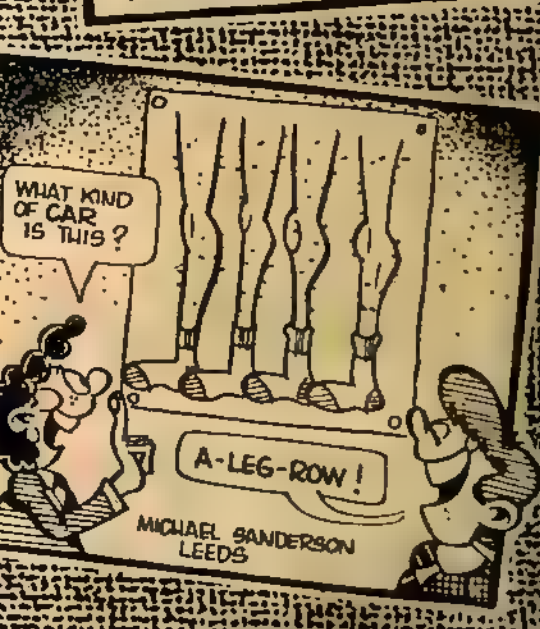
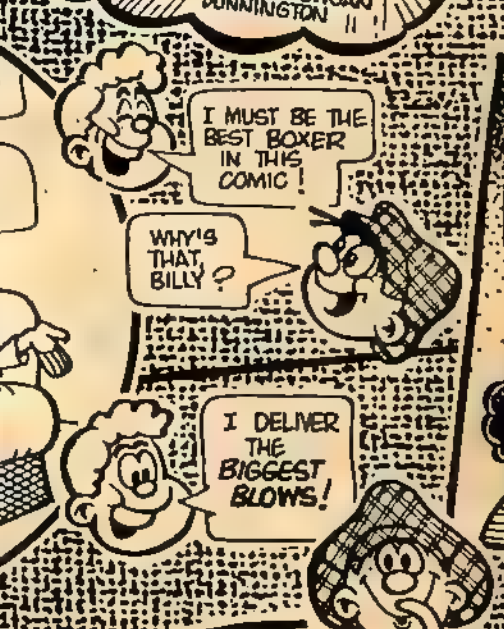
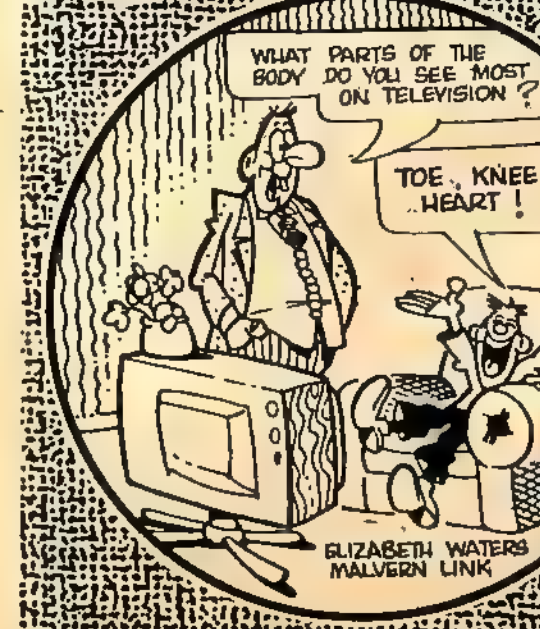
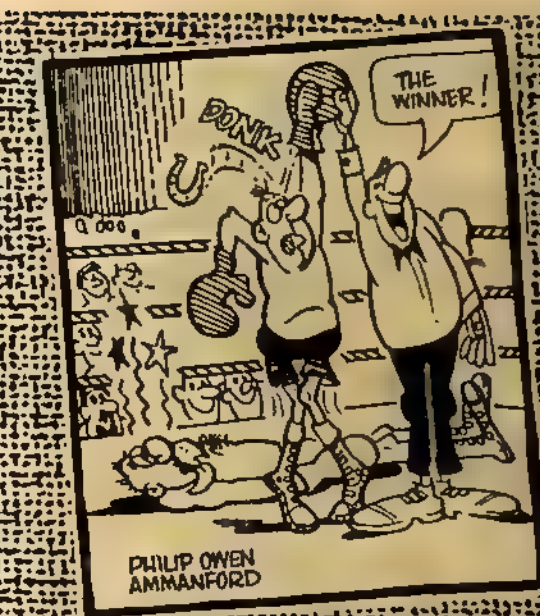
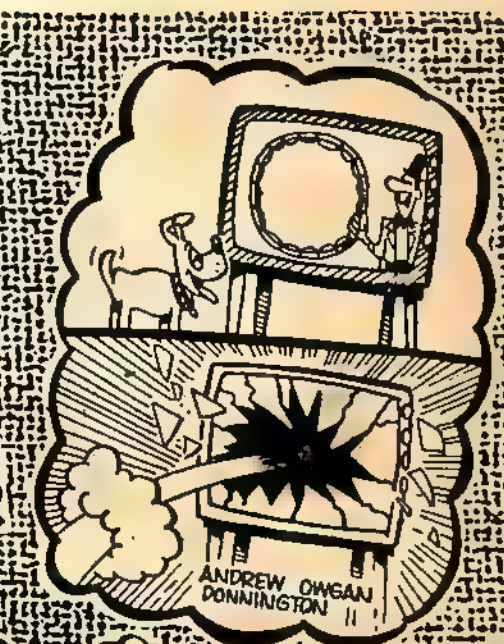
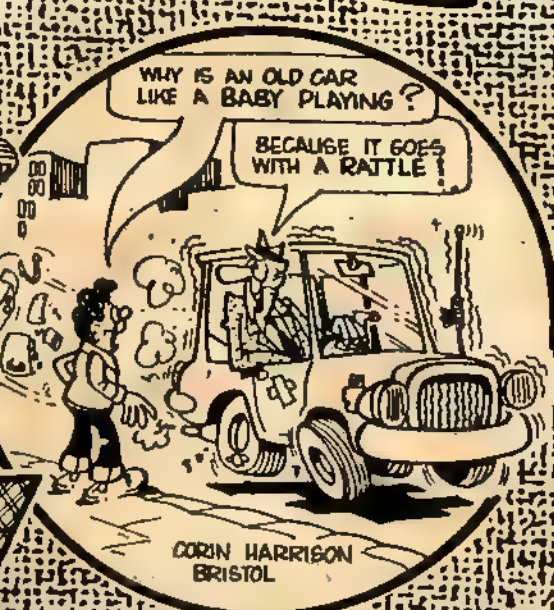
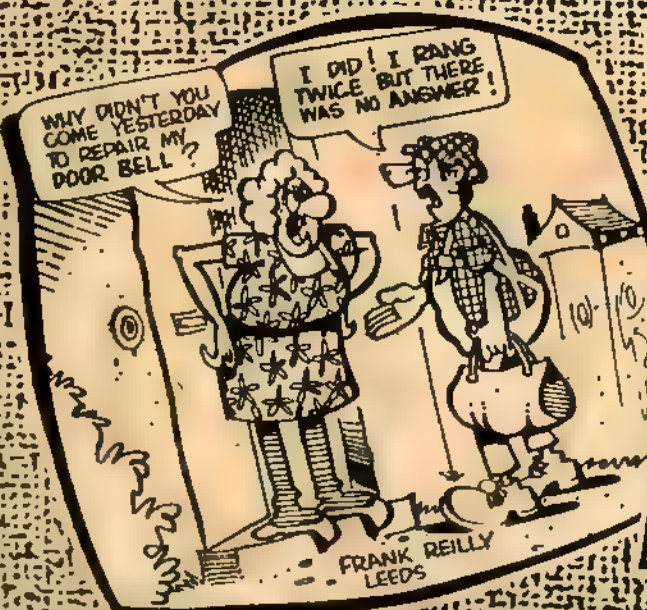
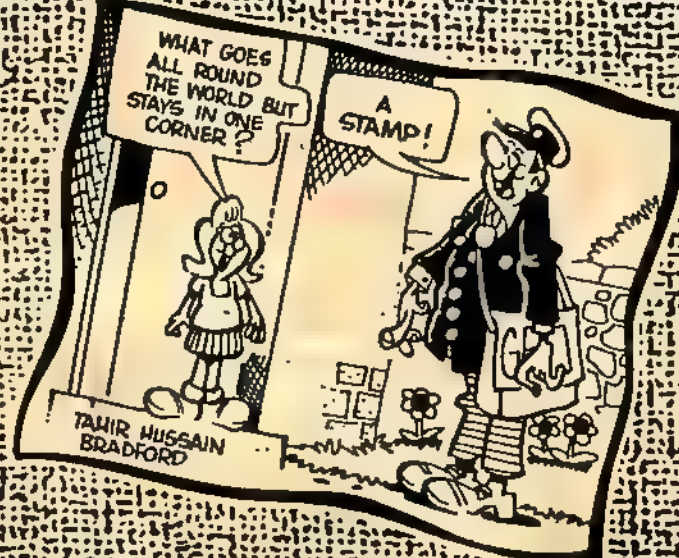
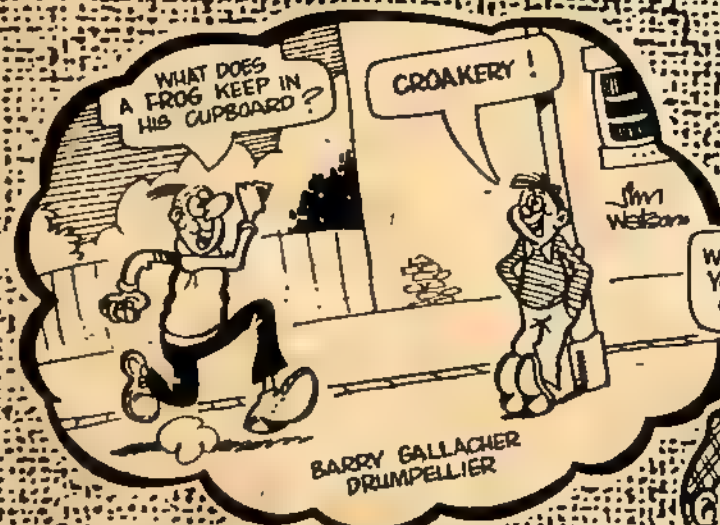
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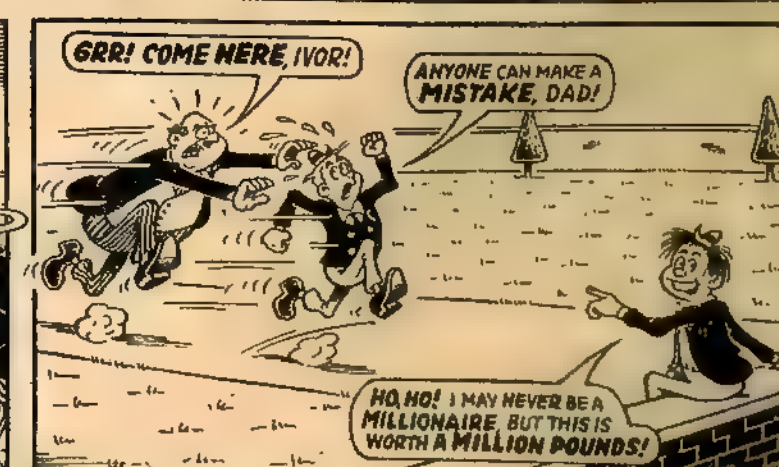
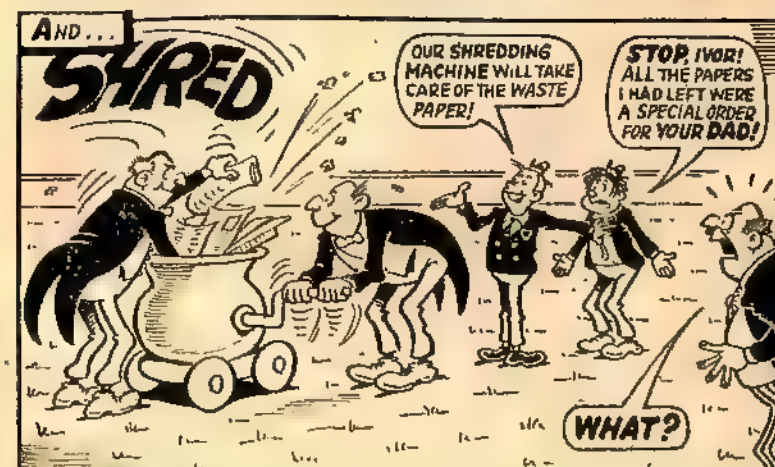
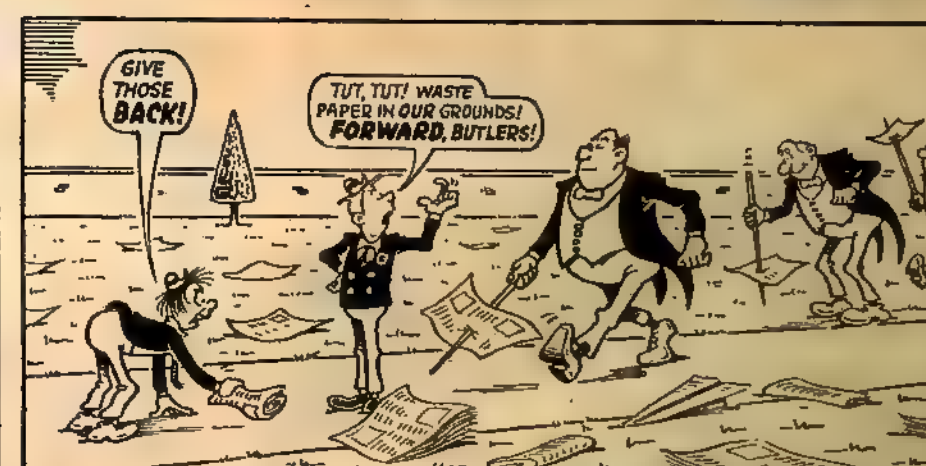
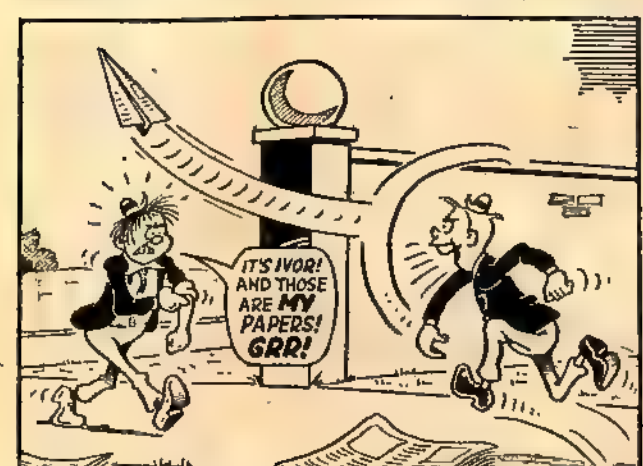
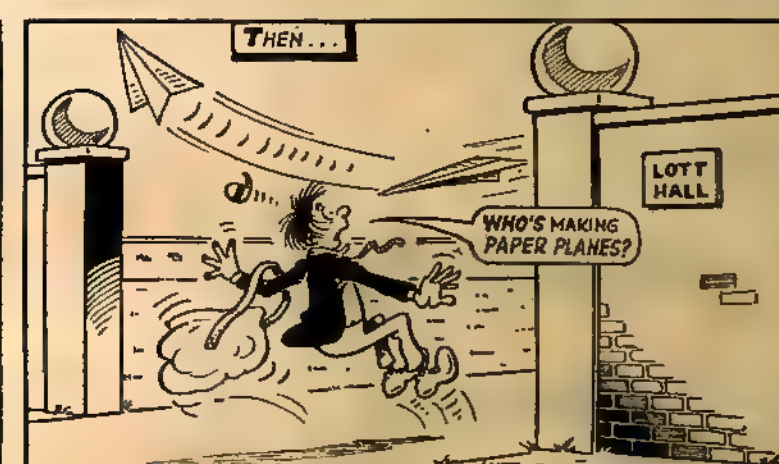
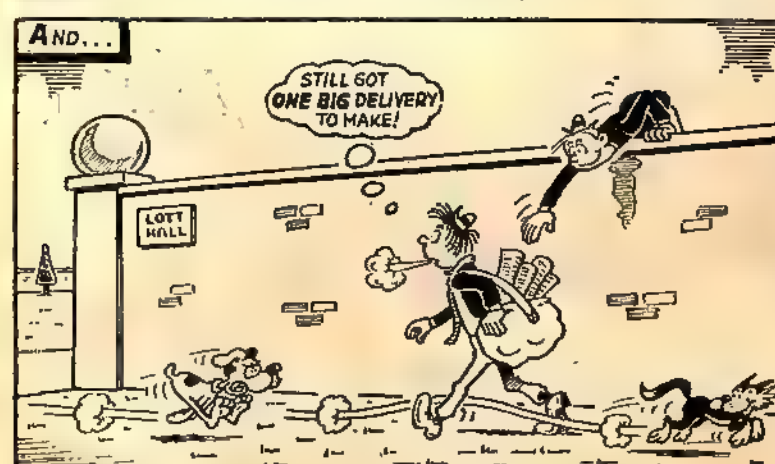
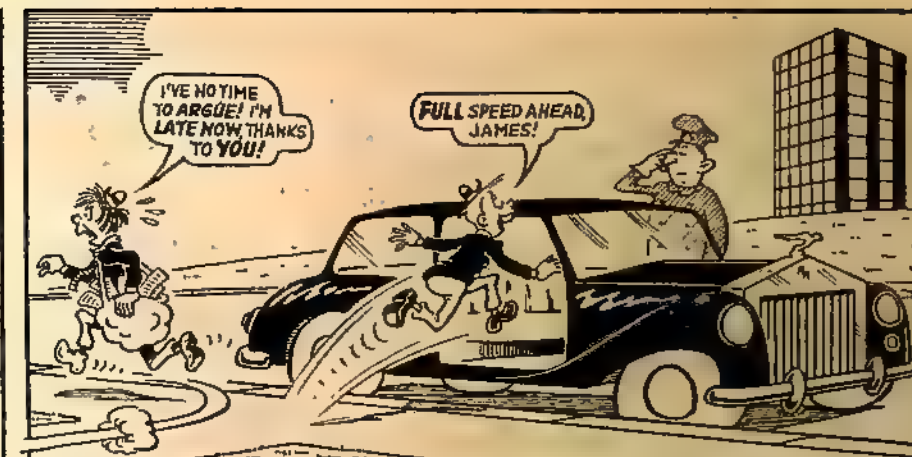
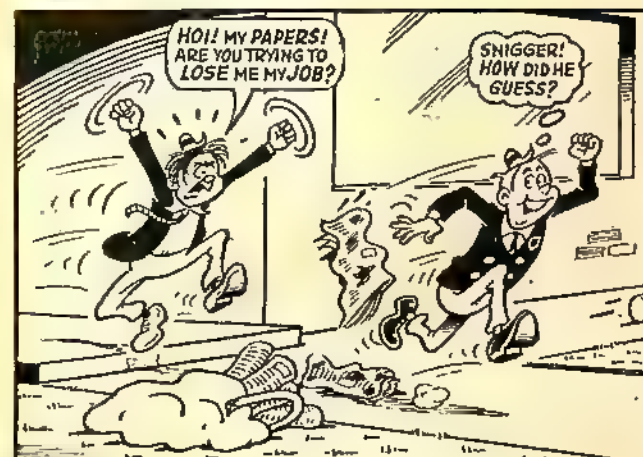
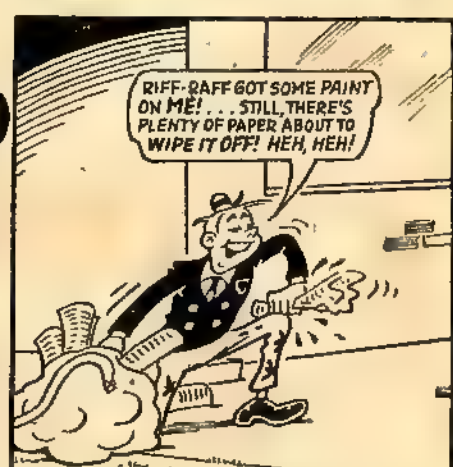
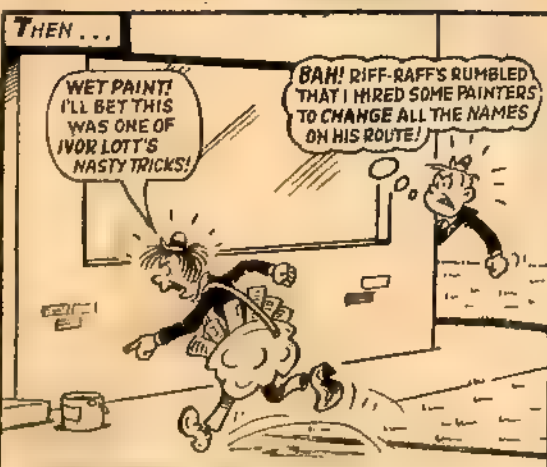
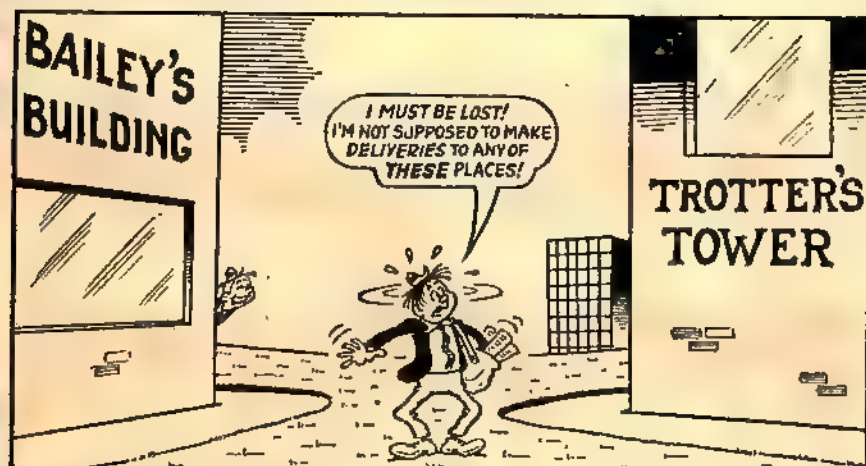
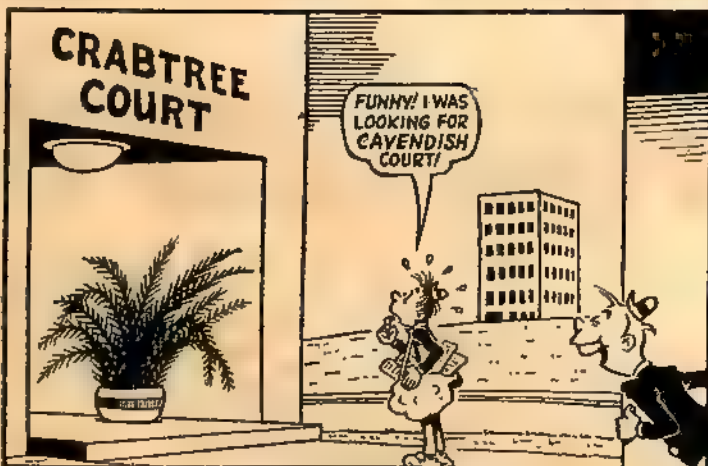
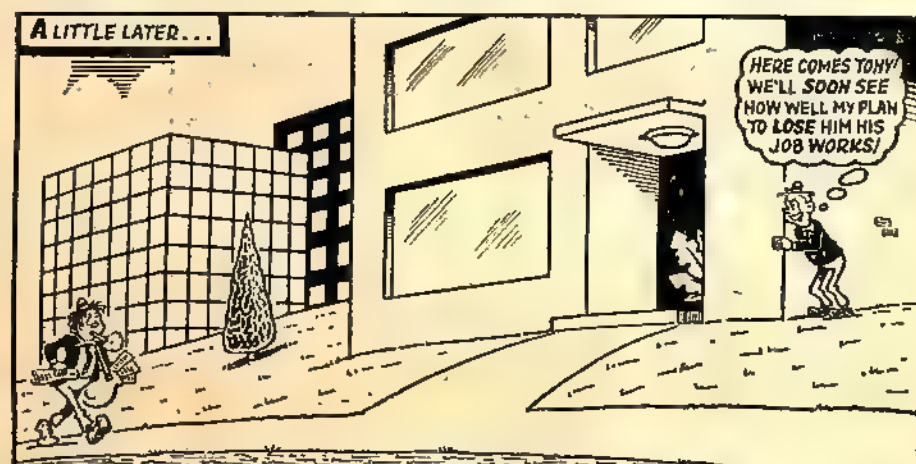
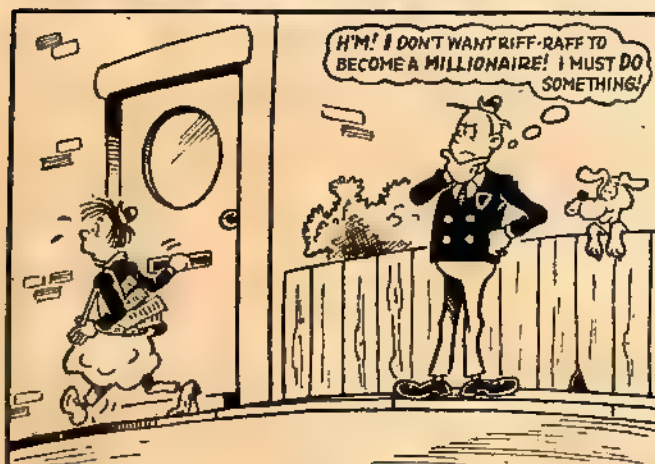
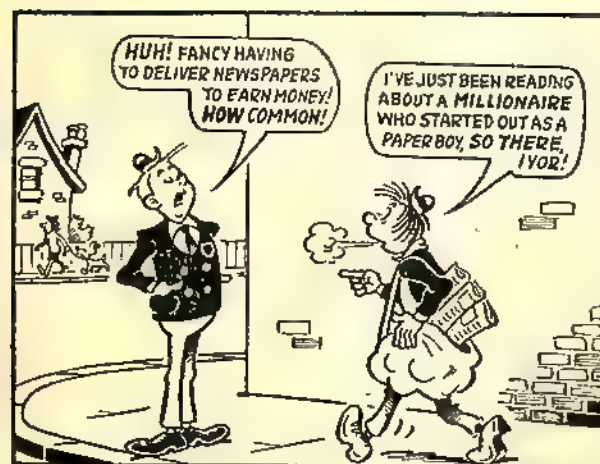
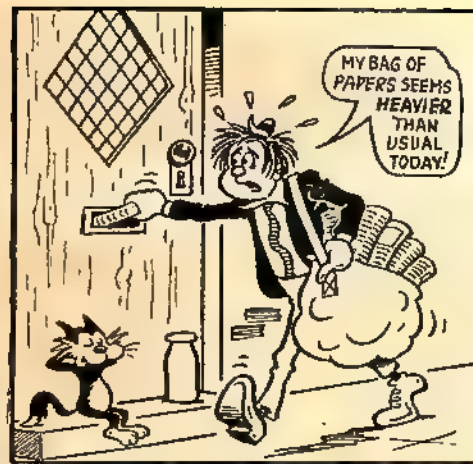
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WRITE your joke clearly on a postcard with your full name and address, then fill in the coupon on the left, stating which size T-shirt you would like, and paste it on the postcard. Post to: "BUSTER'S JOKE-BOX", Room 2010, King's Reach Tower, Stamford Street, London, SE1 9LS. Readers whose jokes are selected for publication will each receive £1 plus a BUSTER T-shirt. When similar jokes are received, the first one to be judged will be awarded the prize. NOTE: This offer is open to readers in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and Channel Islands only.

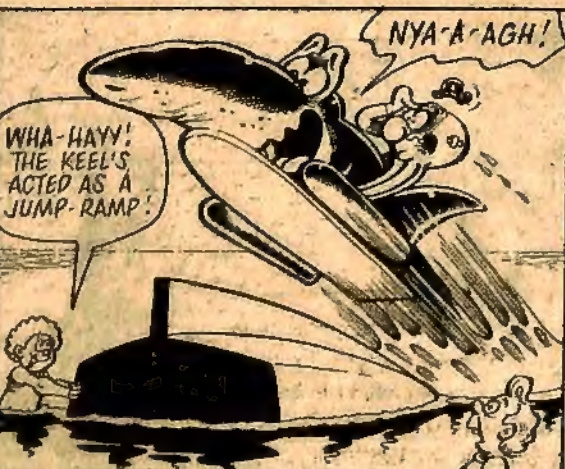
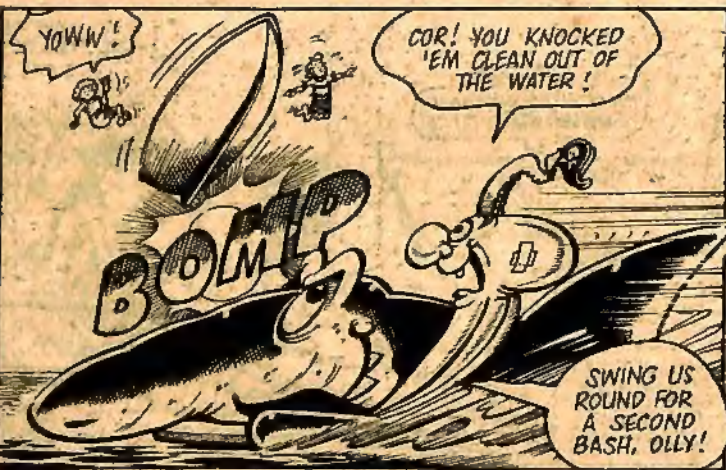
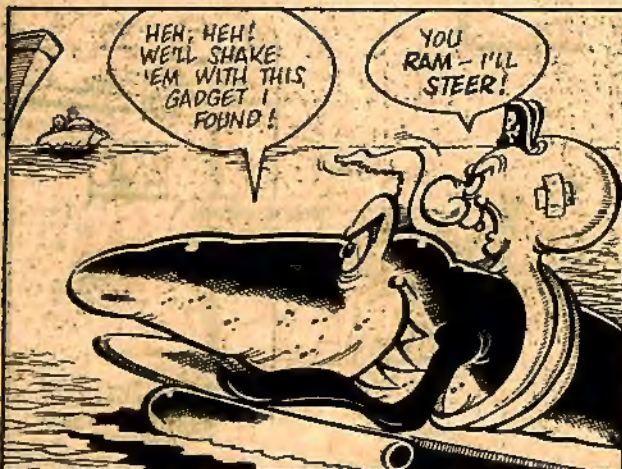
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GUMS



FUN SPOT

Bee-A-Maze-D!

Can you see how the bee gets through the smoke to the flowers?



KRAZY-KARTOON!

Unscramble the letters to read the sign on the notice!

OD TON
CHOUT
HET TSSRING
FO TEH RAPH

There are TEN BOW TIES hidden in 'FUN SPOT'. Can you spot them?

TRICKY LINE!



Can you draw this in one line without moving your pencil from the paper or going over the same line twice?

NORA'S NIGHTMARE!



Face Riddle!

WHAT PART OF A FACE REMINDS YOU OF FLOWERS?



Answers

'Cos aliens can't offer you sweets,

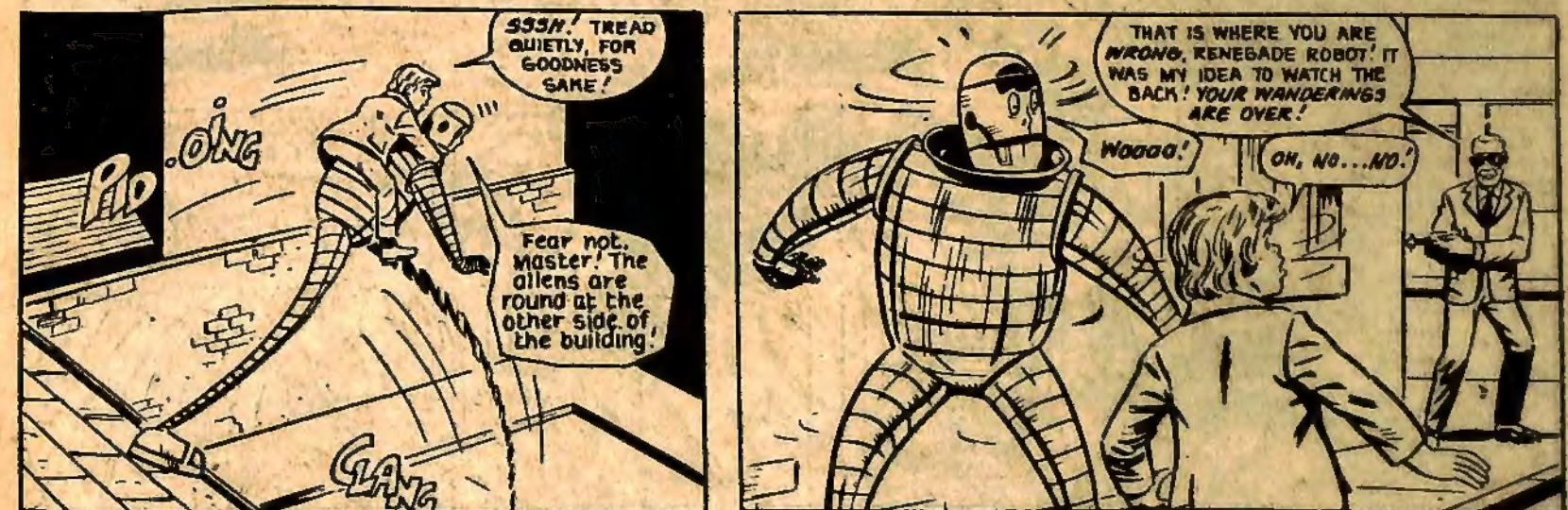
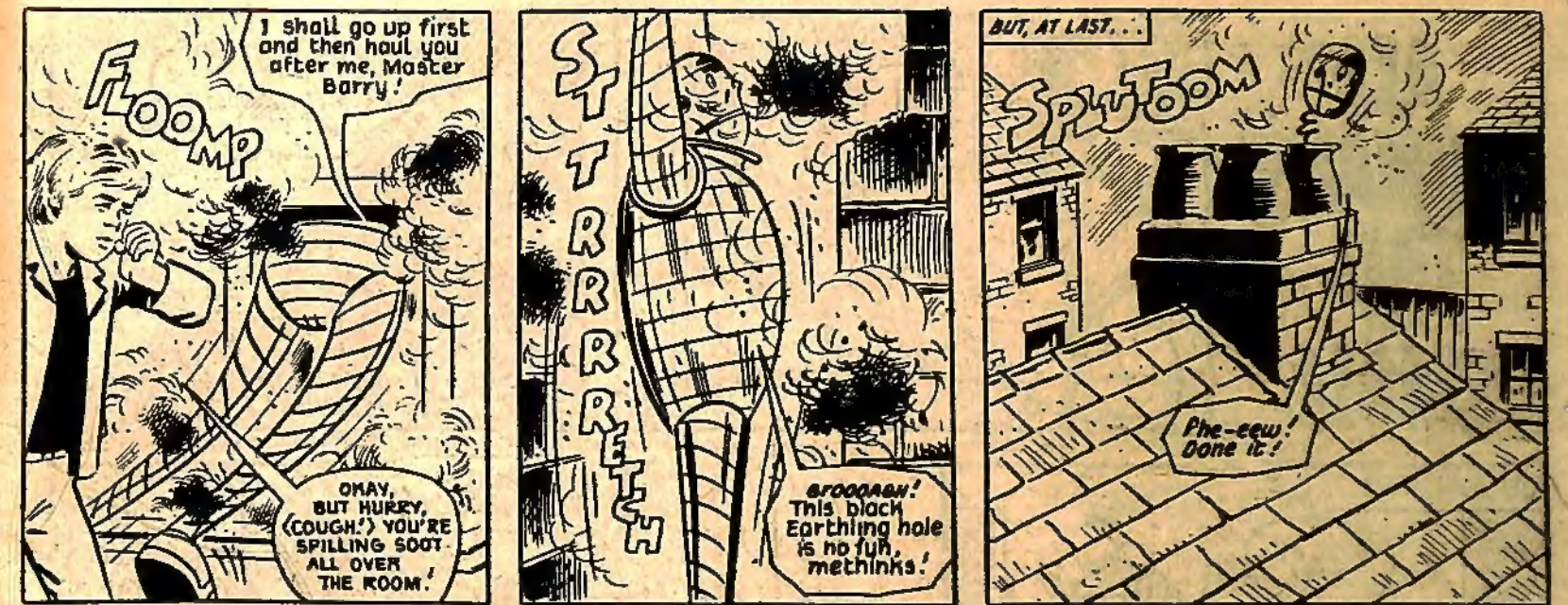
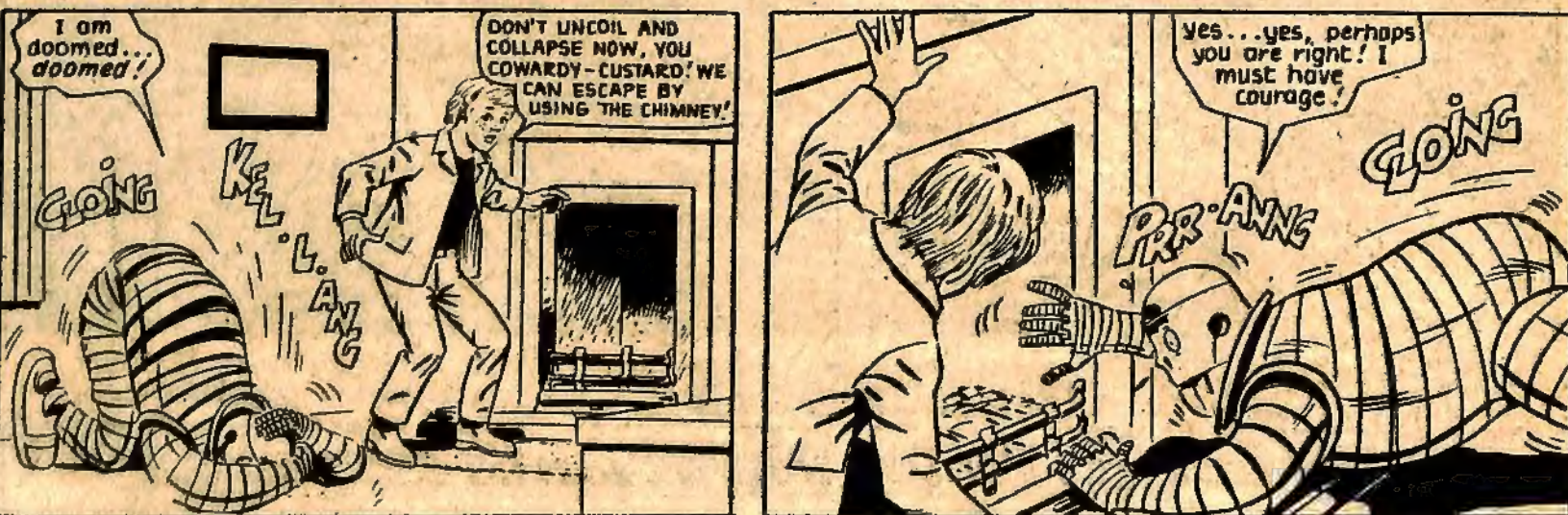


our sweets offer you aliens.

In every roll of Space Fingers you'll find super pineapple, pear and kola sweets and a surprise. Free space stickers. Send for a free wallchart and capture the aliens in the greatest space battle since Star Wars.

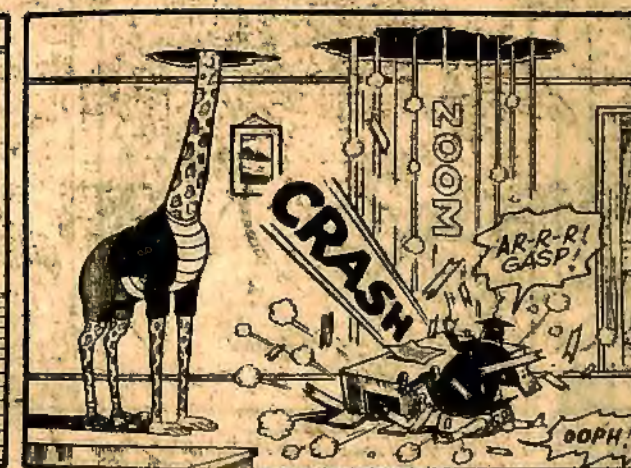
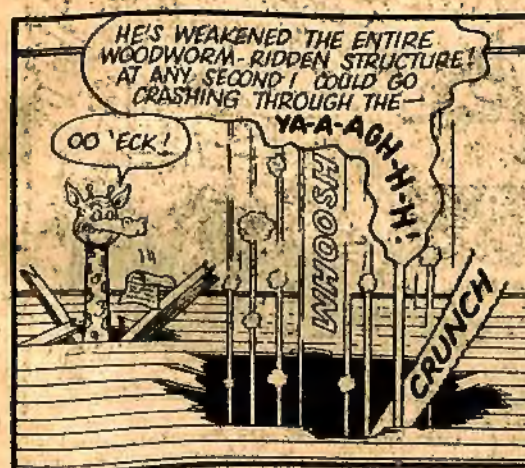
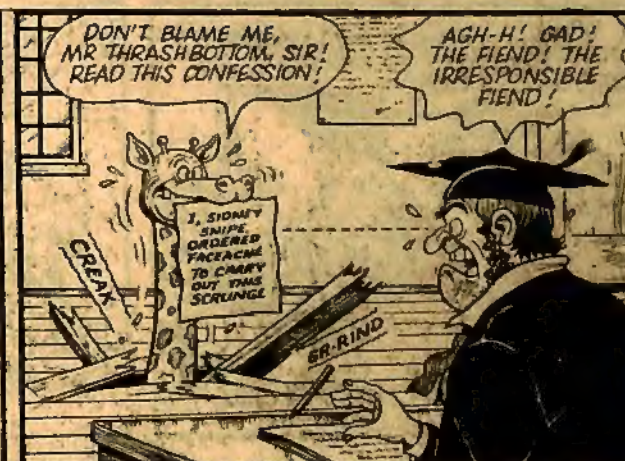
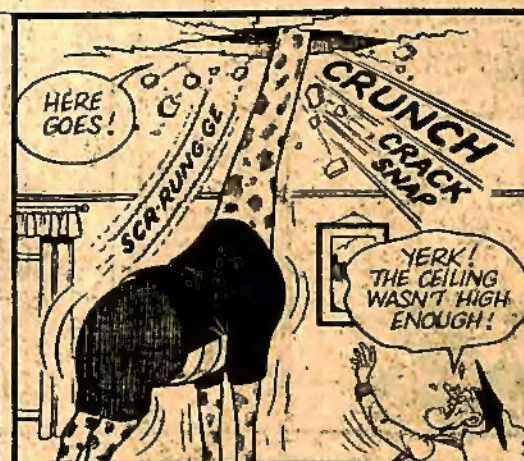
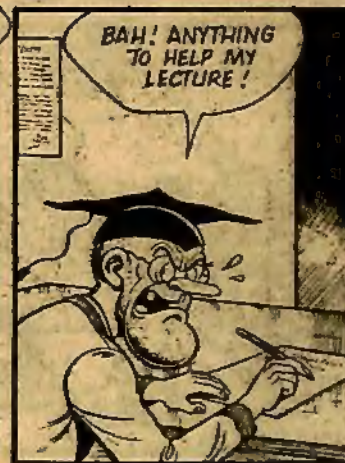
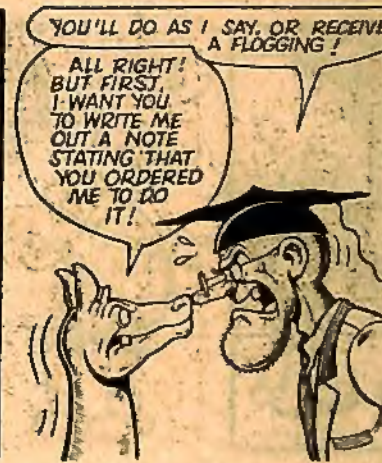
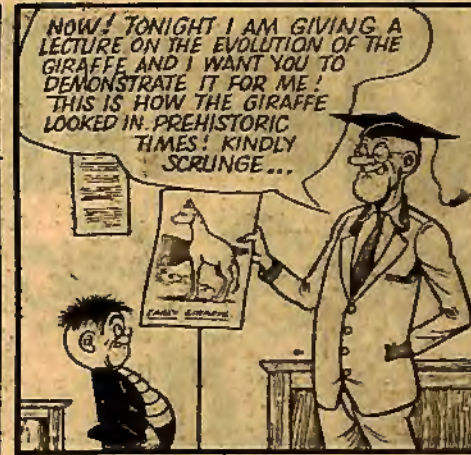
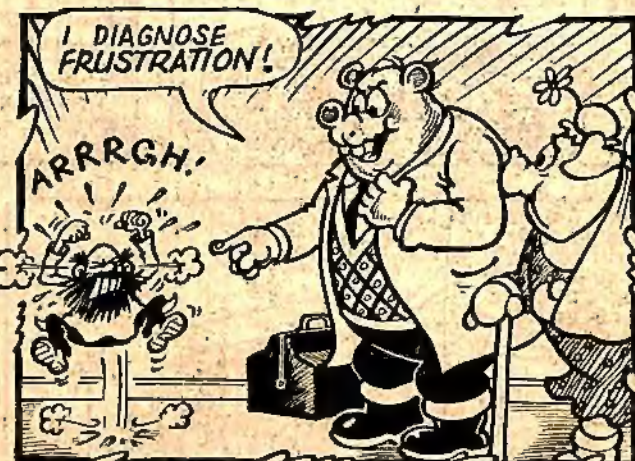
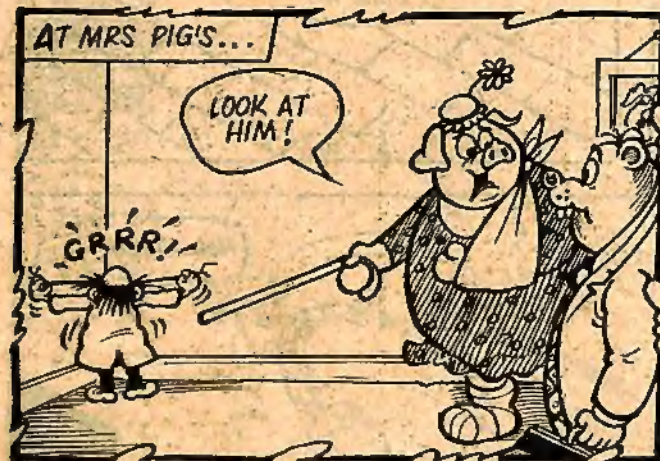


BARRY and BOING



Next issue: see Barry's daring dustbin lid escape bid!

ALL HUMANS TALL AND SMALL



CHALKY

